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Sports Albany Junior All-Stars win district tournament opener **[C1]**
Arts & Leisure Woodminster Summer Musicals program celebrates 40 years **[C10]**


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KELSEY, president of the Albany El Cerrito Exchange Club, pauses for a moment as she hands out flags at the annual Fourth of July Festival at Portola Middle School and Cerrito Vista Park on Tuesday in El Cerrito. Below, Sophie Hanlin, 4, gives the "leaping frog" wallop with some help from her father, Scott, at the festival.

El Cerrito celebrates the Fourth in style

El Cerrito held its annual Fourth of July celebration at the worldOne Festival with games, music and food at Portola Middle School and Cerrito Vista Park on Tuesday. The event was sponsored by the city, El Cerrito Rotary and worldOne Radio.

There were more than 50 booths with information and gifts to sell.

The event also included performers in the eighth annual worldOne Festival. They included Jyoti Kala Mandir, Neha, Suhaila, Motor Dude, Sol Rebelz, Cande Oba, King Wawa, Kingdom and Haiti Roots and Zouk.

In Albany, residents ran with their dogs in the Dog Jog as part of the city's annual July 4 events. The events were held at Memorial Park, and included family games, food, a dunk tank, entertainment, jump houses and a climbing wall.

Dog Jog included a 1- or 2-mile course, a dog-agility demonstration, photo opportunities and pet-related prizes and goodie bag.

— Alan Lopez



Fiddle camp popular with young musicians

55 students are enrolled in the El Cerrito day camp, which boasts one of the world's best fiddle players as an instructor

By Martin Snapp

STAFF WRITER

Laura Risk is one of the foremost fiddlers in the world. Among her many titles is filmmaker Ken Burns, who says, "Laura Risk's fiddle is a revelation and simply beautiful."

Every summer she leaves her home in Quebec for a week and travels to El Cerrito to teach 7- to 13-year-olds at fiddlekids, a day camp dedicated to traditional fiddle music.

Ditto for Helen White, one of the country's best old-time Appalachian fiddlers, who travels from her home in

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■ To find out more about fiddlekids, visit www.fiddlekids.com.

Virginia.

This year, fiddlekids ran from June 19-23 at Tehiyah Day School. About half of the 55 campers live in Berkeley, but others came from as far away as Belmont, Danville, Canyon, Mill Valley and Mendocino.

What's the difference between a fiddle and a violin?

"Technically, nothing," said Alyssa Wang, 11. "It's just the music you play."

"Fiddle music is freer and looser," added her friend, Natalie Orgill, 12. "It has a groove that classical music doesn't."

On the first day of camp, each

camper was given a CD with all the tunes they were expected to learn by the end of the week. On the last day, they played the tunes in a grand performance for their parents and teachers. All the teaching was by ear.

The campers were divided into four groups, according to their skill levels: Sun Bears, Panda Bears, Polar Bears and the most advanced level, Grizzly Bears. On this day, Risk was teaching the Grizzly Bears.

"It's so much fun to see them grow up," she said. "When I started teaching here, they were tiny little kids with tiny little fiddles. Now they're all grown up, and they're really good. You can really challenge them, and I love that."

Her students regard Risk with a reverence bordering on hero worship.

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Ex-supporter not charmed by third term

■ Mayor wants to run again, but a former councilwoman says tradition calls for her to make room for new blood

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

Mayor Janet Abelson's decision to try for a third term on the El Cerrito City Council this November is drawing fire from a former supporter who says she is breaking a long-standing tradition of not running more than two times.

"I'm vehemently against someone running for a third term," said Jane Bartke, a City Councilwoman from 1991 to 1999 and an early supporter of Abelson. "If I had run for a third term, maybe Janet wouldn't be there because in a sense she filled the seats Norman (La Force) and I left."

Since 1974, only one council member has run for more than two terms, Bartke said — following an absence from the council of several years.

Earlier this week, Abelson said she wanted to continue helping lead the city while it changes and grows. She said many more people supported the idea than

IF YOU WANT TO RUN

El Cerrito residents who wish to run for City Council in November can take out election papers beginning July 17 from City Clerk Carol Jean Wilson at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave.

The deadline to file is Aug. 11. The deadline will be extended five days if either incumbent fails to take out nomination papers. The second incumbent, Councilwoman Sandi Potter, was on vacation and could not be reached for comment. Call 510-215-4305 for more information.

opposed it.

"I asked a bunch of people who supported me what they thought, and they thought I should run," said Abelson, a 59-year-old retired UC Berkeley systems analyst. "And they didn't know about such an agreement for two terms."

Ken Berndt said the tradition dates back to 1974, when he and Jane Bartke's husband, Rich Bartke, agreed not to run for a third time after voters returned them to the council.

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Kensington police board to choose interim chief

■ Two candidates will be interviewed Sunday to fill in while Police Chief Barry Garfield is on leave

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board will interview two candidates for interim police chief at a closed session meeting Sunday.

The candidates are John Moilan, the former police chief in Piedmont who retired in 2004; and Brown Taylor, a former police chief in Mountain View who retired in 1995.

District board President Paul Haxo said he expected the meeting, which will begin at 1 p.m., to last about four hours. After the interim chief is chosen, a contract will likely go before the board for approval in open session July 21.

"I think the reason is it's a significant budgetary item," Haxo said, "and it has to be done in open session."

The district is looking for an interim chief while Police Chief Barry Garfield remains on personal leave. Garfield, who has filed a worker's compensation claim with the district, has been away since walking out of a May 25 meeting where the board was discussing its budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. He complained that he was being harassed by a board member.

Whoever is hired to replace Garfield in the interim will also conduct an audit of the district to see how it can run more efficiently and look into why three officers left the district within the past 18 months.

With Garfield's absence, the district is down half of its 10 officers, with two new officers in training.

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MARK DUFRERE/TIMES

FIDDLER LAURA RISK runs her students through a fiddle tune under the shade of a tree at Tehiyah Day School during the Fiddlekids camp in El Cerrito last month. Risk, one of the foremost fiddlers in the world, travels from her home in Quebec each summer to instruct at the camp.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Bicyclist injured in collision with pickup

An Albany man was in critical condition Monday with injuries suffered when he collided with a pickup Saturday morning. The accident occurred about 11:15 a.m. near Collier Canyon Road in unincorporated Contra Costa County, said Highway Patrol Officer Steve Creel.

Patrick Caurant, 28, was riding ahead of fellow bicyclist Justin Laue, when they turned left onto Highland Road. The cyclists ended up westbound in the eastbound lane, Creel said.

An eastbound pickup hit Caurant first. Laue, 22, of Berkeley, either hit the truck or Caurant, and both fell.

Caurant had major upper-body injuries, and was flown to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

Laue had minor injuries. The pickup driver was uninjured.

Both bicyclists wore helmets. Creel said the accident remains under investigation. He stressed that bicyclists need to yield to larger vehicles.

"Just because (bicyclists) are at a disadvantage in any collision, they should remember the rules of the road," Creel said.

—Sophia Kazmi

Suit challenging initiative heads to court

A lawsuit challenging an Albany voter initiative that limits development on San Francisco Bay behind Golden Gate Fields goes to court July 19.

The voter initiative, brought about in response to a plan by owners of the land to develop the area with shops and restaurants, received enough signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

But Golden Gate Fields challenged it in court, saying backers of the initiative didn't give enough public notice when they submitted signatures to the city of Albany.

"I'm hoping the judge will toss the lawsuit out," said Stuart Flashman, a lawyer who represents Robert Cheasty, William Dann and Marge Atkinson, the three Albany residents who proposed the initiative. "Our argument to the judge is twofold: One is that, yes, we admit there wasn't any public posting, we were supposed to post the notice at three places in Albany, and we didn't do that because we didn't think we needed to. And two, the city told us the West County Times newspaper was an appropriate place to publish the notice, and we didn't have to do any more."

The initiative in question includes a ban on development within 600 feet of the Albany shoreline at Golden Gate Fields, prohibits gambling at the race track except on horses, and pushes the city of Albany to create a waterfront development plan for the future.

Even if the voter initiative is thrown out in court, Albany voters will still have to approve any development on the waterfront — courtesy of Measure C passed in 1990.

—East Bay Daily News

Mayor schedules morning coffee session

Residents are invited to discuss city issues with Albany Mayor Allan Maris during a mayor's coffee from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the PriPri Cafe, 1309 Solano Ave. Call 510-526-7032 for more information.

—Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Condo project to go before commission

A plan to build a 58-unit condominium complex near the Del Norte BART station will likely go before the El Cerrito Planning Commission on Aug. 16.

The project, proposed by developer the Olson Company, will include 11,000 square feet of commercial space, more than double the amount it had originally envisioned. It's planned for San Pablo Avenue between Knott Avenue, Kearney Street and Cutting Boulevard.

At a recent meeting, the city's design review board recommended that the Planning Commission consider the project under the city's incentives program, El Cerrito senior planner Noel Iballo said.

The incentives program allows for exceptions to the city's zoning code in exchange for development characteristics the city finds desirable.

For the development to move forward, the City Council, acting as the Redevelopment Agency board, also has to sign off on a development agreement with the Olson Company. The project is partly located on land owned by the agency.

Call 510-215-4330 for more information.

—Alan Lopez

Identity theft workshop scheduled July 18

An identity theft workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, at the El Cerrito Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. The seminar, sponsored by the El Cerrito City Council and police department, will cover credit card theft and fraud, phone card theft and check fraud.

Space is limited. Call 510-215-4414 ext. 30 to make a reservation.

—Alan Lopez

Circus Chimera returns for August dates

The bigtop of Circus Chimera will return to the blacktop at Portola Middle School for performances Aug. 7, 8 and 9, city recreation director Monica Kortz said. A portion of ticket sales from this year's performances will benefit the David Hunter Memorial scholarship fund, which helps people participate in city recreation programs.

Based out of Hugo, Okla., Circus Chimera combines traditional circus elements with world class performers, state-of-the-art lighting, sound and special effects. Families with children are its target audience. This year's theme is Alice in Wonderland.

The city's recreation department is working with the circus, which has its headquarters in El Cerrito, to bring it to the city. Tickets will be available at the community center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Call 510-559-7000 for more information.

—Alan Lopez

Sponsors sought for first-ever movie night

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking sponsors for the city's first-ever Cinema in the Park event that will take place at 8 p.m. on Aug. 25 in Cerrito Vista Park, Mooser Lane at Pomona Avenue.

An inflatable screen will be used to show the movie "Goonies" for the free family event. Sponsors will be noted on the screen before the film begins, said Sheila Divilbiss of the parks department.

Families will be invited to bring blankets and food for the screening, which is intended to promote interest in the Cerrito Theater, the long-closed movie house that is being renovated. For details on the event or on sponsorship, call 510-559-7004.

—Chris Treadway

Parasitic plant threatens creek vegetation

Japanese dodder, found in four areas, takes energy from trees and plants

By John Geluadi
STAFF WRITER

An aggressive vine that sucks the life from shrubs, plants and trees has been discovered in Cerrito Creek and three other locations around West Contra Costa County.

The Japanese dodder is a parasitic plant that could dramatically alter native creek vegetation, disrupt bird habitats, and damage agricultural crops, according to the Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture.

The dodder vine looks like a thick, bright yellow-orange spaghetti noodle with small, scaly, green leaves. The vampirelike plant siphons off energy from trees and plants by sinking its roots into their vascular systems.

IF YOU SEE DODDER:

- Don't try to remove the weed yourself.
- Report the plant immediately to the Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture at 925-648-5250.
- To learn more, go to www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/departments/agriculture/dodder.html

The plant is capable of spreading quickly because it is not particular about hosts. It can attach itself to most vines, nearly all native trees, most fruit trees and a variety of ornamental plants.

Once attached, the vine blocks sunlight by thickly shrouding its host.

"It can completely drape over trees, making it impossible for birds to nest," said Chief Deputy Vince Guise. "It's very robust,

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—Vince Guise, Contra Costa County Department of Agriculture

and we're not sure exactly where it's going yet. We're hoping it can be eradicated."

The Japanese dodder has been discovered in Cerrito Creek on the Albany and El Cerrito border and in Wildcat Creek in San Pablo near the Richmond border. It has also been found on a roadside fence at the Port of Richmond.

The Department of Agriculture planned to eradicate the plant at all three locations last week.

State botanist Fred Heuvelink suspects the plant is imported from Asia for horticultural purposes. Some Asian people believe dodder stems are aphrodisiac.

It is illegal to import seeds unless they have been properly treated. Recently discovered seeds of the plant were found in Shasta County health food stores.

The Japanese dodder was discovered in Contra Costa County last summer on property in San Pablo. The plant was found in 1993 and Los Angeles County. It also has been found in Sacramento and Yuba County.

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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., someone broke the right rear window of a tan 1996 Ford Explorer parked at the end of Buchanan Street and stole items from inside.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Shortly before midnight, officers stopped a 33-year-old Albany man near Solano Avenue and Pierce Street for suspicious activity. They arrested him for an outstanding Berkeley warrant for disorderly conduct and being drunk in public.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

■ **LEXUS RECOVERED** — At about 2:30 a.m., officers located a gold 2000 Lexus parked near Gillman and Fourth streets that had been reported as stolen. They did not have anyone in custody, and the car was towed.

■ **BUSINESS BREAK-IN** — A business on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that someone had entered the business through the back door and had stolen money out of the cash register. There were no witnesses.

■ **LEWD ACTIVITY** — At about 1:30 p.m., a counselor at Cornell Elementary School reported that a man was outside the school fondling himself.

Officers contacted the 36-year-old Oakland man and found that he matched the description of man who had exhibited similar behavior at the Albany Library the previous day. He was arrested on suspicion of exposing himself in public.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — Officers arrested a 19-year-old Berkeley man at the Target store on the 1100 block of Eastshore for an outstanding Berkeley warrant for suspicion of drug possession in the amount of \$386.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

■ **VANDALISM** — During the morning hours, someone smashed the window of a green 1999 Subaru that was parked at the Albany waterfront.

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — Officers arrested a 32-year-old Berkeley man on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue for suspicion of drug possession.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old Richmond man driving a gray Oldsmobile near El Cerrito Plaza on suspicion of DUI.

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — During the

night, someone stole a black 1994 Honda Accord parked on the 800 block of Polk Street. There were no witnesses.

■ **HONDA RECOVERED** — Officers located a white 1991 Honda Accord on the 900 block of Cerrito Street that had been reported as stolen from Alameda the previous day.

■ **ESCORT RECOVERED** — Officers located a turquoise 1994 Ford Escort on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Berkeley a month earlier.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — At about 7:30 p.m., someone stole items out of a white Honda pickup parked at the dead end of Buchanan Street.

■ **NO-BAIL WARRANT** — At about 10 p.m., officers arrested a 60-year-old transient man on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue for a no-bail warrant out of Union City for suspicion of drug possession and for repeated fraudulent use of a credit card.

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 11:30 p.m., officers arrested a 46-year-old San Lorenzo man on the 6000 block of San Jose Avenue in Richmond for an outstanding Albany warrant for suspicion of resisting arrest in the amount of \$1,104.

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

■ **CAMERAS TAKEN** — Surveillance cameras were taken from the roof of a business on the 10100 block of San Pablo Avenue at 10 p.m. It was a \$500 loss, police said.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Property was taken from a vehicle on the 7300 block of Terrace Drive sometime between 8 p.m. June 26 and 7 a.m. the next day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

■ **ASSAULT** — A 16-year-old boy was punched in the face and robbed on the Ohlone Greenway near Lincoln Avenue at 8:30 p.m. The three men then took the victim's cell phone.

■ **HOME RANSACKED** — A bedroom and office inside a home on the 5600 block of Jordan Avenue was ransacked between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. There was no loss, police said.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

■ **STEREO TAKEN** — The stereo was taken from a 1993 Toyota Camry on the 700 block of Balra Drive between 8:30 p.m. June 28 and 7:15 a.m. the next day. The stereo was worth \$99, police said.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

■ **STEREO STOLEN** — A \$500 stereo was taken from a 2003 Hyundai Elantra on the 6800 block of Hagen Boulevard between 11 p.m. June 30 and 5 a.m. the next day.

SATURDAY, JULY 1

■ **MUGGING** — Two victims were forced to the ground at gunpoint by two men on the 500 block of Kearney Street at 9:50 p.m. The victims were both male, 43 and 17 years old. One of the robbers rummaged through their pockets while the other pointed a gun at them. The robbers ran off after not finding anything in their pockets.

■ **MONEY STOLEN** — At 9:30 a.m. a deposit a store manager was attempting to make was stolen from a business on the 11500 block of San Pablo Avenue. Someone stole a post bag from under the manager's arm, then ran eastbound toward Del Norte BART station.

■ **WALLET TAKEN** — A wallet with \$300 in cash was taken from a bicyclist while the mother was on the 9800 block of San Pablo Avenue. The incident occurred between 9 and 10 a.m. The victim's credit card was used in Berkeley and Oakland before she realized what had happened, police said.

Tilden Park pony ride remains closed another year

Rain damage hinders efforts to repair regional attraction; officials say it should open next year

By Denis Cuff
STAFF WRITER

The Tilden Park pony ride, a children's recreation fixture for decades, will stay closed for a second consecutive year as crews toil to repair heavy rain damage there and in other East Bay regional parks.

Park managers had hoped to reopen the pony ride this year with a new concessionaire to replace the longtime operator who retired and forced a cancellation of the 2005 season.

Nature intervened, though. Repairs to an aging pony stable and grounds have taken longer than expected in part because East Bay Regional Park crews are stretched thin with some \$7 million in trail and park damage to repair after heavy winter and spring rains.

Now East Bay Regional Park officials hope to get children back in the saddle next year.

"The district is committed to having the pony rides back. It's been a popular place to take children for a long time," said Jeff Wilson, a regional park unit manager in charge of Tilden and some neighboring parks.

Tilden is located in the hills between Berkeley and Orinda. Under its arrangement with the pony ride operator, the park district provides the grounds and stables.

The operator supplies the ponies and staff to operate the rides, and shares a percentage of profits with the public agency.

Park officials plan to put out a formal request for proposals later this year to recruit a new ride operator, Wilson said.

The pony ride, along with a steam train and carousel, are big attractions for children at Tilden.

The heavy runoff in winter and spring damaged trails and culverts, caused landslides and erosion, and washed away beach areas in the park system, which has 65 recreation sites in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

The rains also caused millions of dollars of damage to dirt trails, fire roads and other facilities in Mt. Diablo State Park.

"We had a lot of damage, but it's not keeping visitors out of park areas. They're hiking or riding around the damaged trail areas," said Craig Mattson, a state park superintendent in charge of Mt. Diablo State Park. State crews are focusing on

repairing a dirt fire road that would enable firefighting crews to battle a wildfire Blackhawk, he said.

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Ewl. (Translation: "Oh my God, can you read Cool!")

that you just read is an example of "L33t" (pronounced "leet") speak. It's the language children use to text message each other.

L33t is short for elite," said Elaine McCaskey, 19, of San Jose. "The whole point is that you can understand it, but your friends can't."

L33t speak is highly stylized. "E" is backwards "3," "a" is "4," "t" and "s" is an "5." "k" of it is encryption to make it tougher to break the code.

L33t is also very abbreviated. "L33t" is short for elite — and whole sentences — when they can.

Partly, that's dictated by the technology. The shorter the message, the easier to transmit. Something happened back in the era of the telegraph. But something else is at work here. L33t speak is not the way they write; it's also the way they talk — and think.

Her sister was at the beach one week, and she happened to hear a conversation among a group of teenage girls.

There was only one common sentence in the whole conversation," she reported. "It was 'You look cute.' Otherwise, I used fragments like 'Did you...?' instead of 'Did you get here?'

They don't need to specify because everybody knew what they meant."

The tendency to truncate is even further. There can be a dozen meanings to one word or instance, "Hey" — depending on the tone of voice.

It's not that they can't speak in long sentences. They just don't need to.

In fact, a lot of their communication is nonverbal. They constantly hug each other, as if to say, "I'm OK; you're OK." It's a behavior — and the tribe of an entire generation.

sat down with a group of teenagers last week and asked them to give me a peek into their world. (They effortlessly shifted into complete silence so an old fogey like me could understand them.)

"I'm an Internet culture," said Rosalyn Bathrick of Berkeley. "Instead of watching TV, we watch online video clips."

Unlike their Gen X predecessors, they're not big on computer games, either.

"We play games, but we play the Internet," said Leah Lenberg of Canyon. "Paradise don't want their children playing so many games, so they buy a couple. But kids find out a way to go onto the Internet."

Internet and play there. Or they download games so their parents don't know."

Recently, one of the most popular sites has been neopets.com, where you can own and raise a virtual "pet." You play games to earn neopoints, which you use to buy "food" for your "pet."

"But neopets are getting passé at this point," said Karen Kennedy of Danville. "The new site is millsbury.com. It's like neopets, but with a person. You make up a person, buy a house, decorate it, and live in it."

The fact that they don't watch TV means bad news for Nike, Adidas and other companies that advertise to the youth market.

"Nobody wears Nikes," said Karen. "Everyone likes Uggs because they're really comfy. You wear them with jeans that are crunched up at the bottom."

And what's totally uncool to wear? "Anything from the '80s, like leggings," said Alyssa Wang of Danville.

"Tank-tops on boys are out, too. We call them 'wife beaters.' Video iPods are also out."

"Too bulky," said Lila Whitehead of San Francisco. "We like the nanos and the minis. The bigger ones hold more songs, but you can always delete them and download new ones."

In short, today's kids are different from you and me. But none of this should be a surprise. After all, the rebellious kids of the '60s were different from the button-down children of the '50s. Ditto for the kids of the '80s, who scandalized their hippie parents by supporting Ronald Reagan."

Why should this generation be an exception?

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FACES & PLACES

Albany native headlines S.F. club

Katie Jay, an Albany native, will headline the nightclub Cafe Du Nord, at 2170 Market St. in San Francisco, on Wednesday. The show, for those 21 and over, will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Formerly known as Katie Seltzer, Jay released her first CD "Blue Jay" in late 2003, and has been performing in the Bay Area.

On Wednesday, she will perform with rock band The Cushion Theory. Robyn Harris and Essence will open. For directions to the club or to buy tickets, call 415-861-5016 or go online at www.cafedunord.com.

— Alan Lopez

RESIDENT ADVANCES TO FINALS OF COOKING CONTEST: Elsie the Cow has a new best friend: Roxanne Chan of Albany, who has cooked her way to the final round of the "Elsie's Family Favorites Recipe Contest," sponsored by Borden Cheese.

Chan wowed the judges with her Tuscan Summer Tart, a family-favorite using eggs, cheese and vegetables on a cornmeal crust.

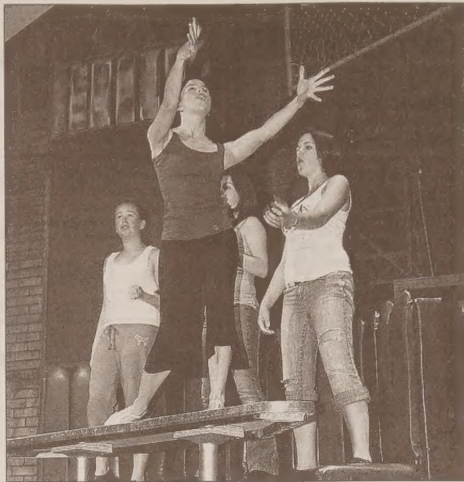
From now until Aug. 1 she will be competing against 20 other finalists in an online competition at www.elsie.com.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$5,000 kitchen makeover and a visit from celebrity chef Curtis Atkins, who will prepare a home-cooked meal, including the winning recipe, for the winner's family.

In addition, Borden will donate food to a local food bank in the winner's honor.

Even if Chan doesn't win, she'll still get \$100, a year's supply of cheese and an Elsie commemorative chef's apron just for being a finalist.

Once again, the Web site is www.elsie.com. You can vote as



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

AMY FRANKLIN LEONARDAS (on table), playing Ariel Moore, sings while rehearsing a scene from "Footloose" at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito on June 21. The musical, based on the popular 1984 film, was adapted for stage by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie. The show opened June 30, and runs through Aug. 5. For more information or to make reservations, visit www.cctc.org or call 510-524-9132.

often as you like.

— Martin Snapp

KENSINGTON FARMERS MARKET OPENS: Begun in late June, the Kensington farmers market has already drawn a following from the town.

"It creates a real down-home community spirit," said Judith Adamson, who is managing the event.

The market's grand opening will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It's located at the Ace Hardware parking lot at 303 Arlington Ave.

"It has to be sort of small because the parking lot isn't very big," Adamson said. "We need to leave parking spaces open for people going to Ace Hardware and Rabbit Ears on Sunday."

It will have close to 10 vendors, selling produce, honey products, crafts, chocolate, fresh fish, live music and more.

Celebrity chefs Narsai David, Mollie Katzen, Nancy Oakes and

Bruce Aidells will be there as well.

Judy Hardin, the owner of the pet store Rabbit Ears, which opened a year ago, came up with the idea for the market, and recruited Adamson to manage it.

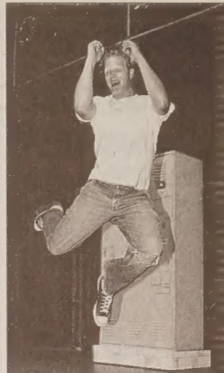
The market will be held every Sunday. For more information, call 510-528-4346.

— Alan Lopez

JAM SESSIONS PLANNED: Jan Seifert, the piano and guitar teacher at A Cheerful Noyse music store in Albany, will hold improvisation jam sessions there in July for all skill levels.

A "how-to" slow jam will be held Tuesdays; a "moderate" jam for intermediate musicians will be held Wednesdays; and an "old-timey bluegrass" jam will be held Thursdays.

The sessions will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., except for the moderate jam, which will end at 8:30 p.m., and the old-timey session, which will end at 9:30 p.m.



MATT DAVIS, playing Ren McCormick, rehearses a scene from "Footloose" at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre in El Cerrito on June 21.

The cost is \$5, which will include sheet music and cookies. A Cheerful Noyse is located at 1228 Solano Ave. Call 510-524-0411 for more information.

— Alan Lopez

PARK ART SOUGHT: The Albany Arts Committee is seeking artists to create an entry sculpture at Ocean View Park, a tile mural at Terrace Park and an interactive landscape/art project at Memorial Park.

Individual artists and teams living in Northern California are invited to apply. The deadlines to submit applications are Aug. 1 for Ocean View, Oct. 1 for Terrace and Nov. 1 for Memorial. The committee will select three artists to prepare models for each park. The models will be on display at City Hall between November 2006 and April 2007.

The call for artists and information is available at albanyca.gov/parkart.html.

— Alan Lopez

Send items for Faces & Places to the editor by e-mail: journ@ccimes.com, or mailing to: The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806. If you have a photo, print or digital, we can use those, too

Tilden photo exhibit focuses on form and light

"Form and Light," an exhibit by photographer Eric Nurse, is on display now through Aug. 27 at the Environmental Education Center in Tilden Regional Park, Berkeley.

Nurse is a Bay Area native who has explored Tilden Park for many years. His work includes landscape and wildlife photos, as well as abstract digital art. You can see examples at his Web site, www.enphoto.net.

Nurse will discuss his work during a meet-the-artist reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the center. Both the exhibit and the reception are free. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays.

East Bay Regional Park District is now sponsoring "Fresh Tracks," a series of hikes in the regional parks, followed by lunches provided by Wente Restaurant, with smooth jazz tunes by KKSX Radio, 103.7 FM.

There will be a Fresh Track event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at Tilden Regional Park. Supervising naturalist Dave Zuckermann will lead the group on a hike through the Tilden Nature Area.

Naturalist Gail Broesder's Fresh Track hike on Aug. 19 will explore the beauties of Redwood Regional Park in Oakland.

Registration is required for the hikes. The fee for the event is \$28 for ages 18 through 61, \$24 for ages 62 and older, and \$20 for ages 3 through 17. Fees are slightly higher for non-District residents.

To register for either hike or obtain more information, phone 510-636-1684.



NED MACKAY
Park It

Redwood Regional Park will be the destination of the Wednesday Walk on July 19. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the park's Canyon Meadow staging area, which is reached by way of the Redwood Road entrance in Oakland, for an easy three-mile stroll through the shady redwoods. There's a \$3 parking fee when the entrance kiosk is attended, but the hike is free.

The Wednesday Walkers are an informal group of hikers who join naturalist Christina Garcia most Wednesdays to hike in one or another regional park. Sometimes the hikes are a bit strenuous, sometimes more moderate. This one's pretty easy. It's a good way to meet people and get some exercise.

For more information, phone 510-796-0199 or e-mail cgarci@ebparks.org.

Another recurring outdoor activity is Tuesdays for the Birds, a free bird-watching program for all levels of expertise, led by naturalist Bethany Facendini from 7 to 9:30 a.m. each date.

On July 11 the group will convene in the Tilden Regional Park Nature Area, and on July

25 at Arrowhead Marsh at King Shoreline in Oakland. Bethany will lead bird walks every Tuesday on August.

To obtain specific meeting locations or to borrow binoculars, phone 510-525-2233. Bring water, sunscreen, binoculars or scopes, and a snack.

Down at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, there's a wheat-binding demonstration scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. this Saturday. The point of interest is that the wheat binder is an antique farm machine, invented in the 1920s, which revolutionized agriculture by doing the work of 10 laborers. Operated by one man, it cuts and ties grain into sheaves right in the field.

Also, there will be wheat-harvesting programs at Ardenwood from 1 to 2:30 p.m. every Sunday in July, starting this Sunday. You can help to bring in the sheaves from the field, thresh and mill the grain into flour, then collect your reward of a whole wheat bread sample fresh from the oven.

At 10 a.m. today, Ardenwood's farm technicians and volunteers will be operating the

park's 1930s combine pulled by the 1925 Best crawler tractor. They will harvest some of the wheat crop. The combine is only brought out to work every couple of years. Combines are so-called because they combine several machine operations (mower, rake and thresher) to save harvesting time.

Ardenwood is a restored 19th century farming estate, located at 34600 Ardenwood Blvd. just north of Highway 84. It has a working farm, barnyard animals, tours of the historic Patterson House, and a unique horse-drawn railroad.

Upcoming special events at Ardenwood are an art, music and history fair on Saturday, Aug. 12, and the Civil War Days re-enactment on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 19 and 20.

The park is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. For information on activities and fees, phone 510-796-0663 or check the Park District Web site at www.ebparks.org.

Ned Mackay writes about East Bay Regional Park District sites, and activities. E-mail him at nedmackay@comcast.net.

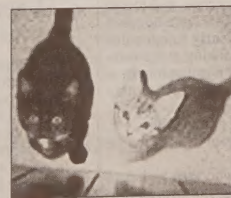
OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Humane Society.

Dogs: 2-year-old male gray schnauzer; 2-year-old female Nova Scotia duck tolling retriever/yellow lab mix; 1-year-old male blue merle Welshland/cattledog mix; 2-year-old male blue merle queens/cattledog mix; 2-year-old female brown/black shepherd/collie mix; 3-year-old female black/white Aussie mix; 2-year-old male tan bullmastiff mix; 7-year-old male brown brindle dane/grayhound mix; 9-year-old male brown/black Welsh Mountain dog mix; 2-year-old female brown shepherd.

Cats: 7-year-old male black/white domestic short hair; 5-year-old female white domestic medium hair; 3-year-old female brown tabby DSH; 3-year-old female domestic long hair (DLH); 4-year-old male black DLH; 4-year-old female black DSH; 4-year-old male black DLH; 5-year-old male Norwegian forest mix; 4-year-old male black/white DSH; 4-year-old male brown tabby European short hair; 5-year-old female dilute tortie; 3-year-old male DSH; 4-year-old male orange tabby; 1-year-old gray female DLH; 3-year-old male orange/brown calico DSH; 4-year-old black female DSH.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$75 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate vaccines. There is an overnight kennel period. The Berkeley-East



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

THE BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY has many kittens available for adoption — ages 8 weeks and older, all different colors, and with playful personalities. The Humane Society recommends getting two kittens, instead of one, because they love to have a little friend to play with, and will give you double the love. Visit www.berkeleyhumane.org to see all of the pets available for adoption.

Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

GUEST COMMENTARY

Resorting to buzzwords clouds racetrack debate

By Bob Outis

In its June 16 editorial, The Journal chided the local racetrack owner for seeking to protect its interests in matters related to the Albany Waterfront Specific Plan Initiative. It characterized the owner's action as "resorting to legal loopholes."

But the owner seeks to enforce the law, not to evade it. Sadly, city officials ignored their duty to do the former, so the racetrack folks were left with no choice but to ask a court to instruct city officials to do what they are required to do — reject unlawfully circulated petitions. There is nothing improper in that.

But the more serious problem is that The Journal simply picked the wrong issue. A bit of history is warranted. In the 1980s, the property owner desired to close the racetrack, which was then operated under a lease, so that it could change the use of its property. Opponents of that proposal, who are among the primary proponents of the current initiative, succeeded in passing Measure C, an initiative that requires voter approval of any such changes.

In the text of Measure C and in their ballot argument, those persons promised voters that the city's regular planning and approval processes would continue subject to final approval by voters. In truth, the objective of many Measure C advocates was to bring those processes to a halt. They succeeded, and a stymied property owner sold to its tenant, thereby dramatically increasing the likelihood that the racetrack would be a fixture of the Albany waterfront for many years to come. For that, we have the advocates of Measure C to thank.

But their Measure C solution no longer serves their ends be-

cause the current owner-operator has entered into an agreement with a first-class developer who has an established record of accommodating local concerns. As is his practice and as he must under Measure C, that developer has worked hard to take the pulse of the community.

This has driven the initiative proponents nuts. They are fine with misinformation disseminated through The Yodeler and other instruments of their propaganda machine. But allow a developer to meet with Albany residents to talk about what they might prefer to 45 acres of excess asphalt and an untended shoreline? Such heretical and subversive activities clearly must be stopped. Otherwise, how can doctrinaire anti-development forces save the people of Albany from themselves?

The answer lies again in the initiative process because that process can be used to preempt the informed analysis and consideration of alternatives that must accompany governmental land use decisions. The choice given to voters can be determined by persons responsible to no one. Campaign sound bites and hit pieces can replace objective analysis and informed debate. And the sooner an unvetted proposal gets to voters, the more likely it is that misinformation and half-truths can lead to its approval.

Some might even say this asymmetry in governmental and initiative processes affords initiative proponents a huge "loophole," to use a word misused by The Journal. But The Journal and all of us should look beyond such buzzwords and consider underlying substance. In failing to do so here, the Journal did not serve the public interest well.

Bob Outis is a resident of Albany.

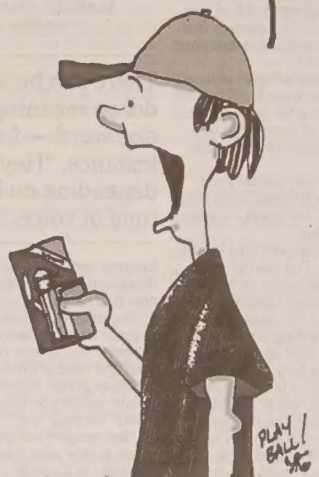
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THE ALL STAR GAME IS STILL FUN TO WATCH

Is one of those
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article not worthy of front page

On the front page of the June 30 Journal, there was a story and picture of Paul Rockwell depicting how much he hates the military, hates the war, blames our country for the wrongs of the world, and is a card-carrying member of the President Bush haters.

By showcasing Rockwell on the Journal front page validates the weak understanding of history and a lack of credibility by promoting liberal-progressives who, though bankrupt of ideas, are attempting to destroy our military, our sense of purpose, and the fact that our country is at war.

Regardless of how individuals may feel about the circumstances of this war or how much they may hate President Bush, the fact remains that radical Islamic terrorists are committed to our destruction and quite happy to hear goofy rhetoric from folks such as Rockwell, Cindy Sheehan and Almea Allison because it strengthens their resolve.

I recommend Rockwell spend more time fishing instead of venturing into the political arena, where he is ill-equipped to participate. With the relocation of Crazy Cindy Sheehan to Berkeley, I see she is attracting the likes of Allison and Rockwell to speak to fellow travelers about how much they hate America.

What a waste of time and newsprint to give fringe anti-war operatives front-page publicity. Allison's comments point to her lack of understanding about people who are the true stability of our country.

It is my belief that most of the kook fringe, so prevalent in the Bay Area, will be placed in the ash heap of history.

Gary Buffon
El Cerrito

Hardly newsworthy

I was perturbed to see that the lead story in the Journal's June 30 edition was about certain authors — gathered in a Berkeley bookstore — arguing the case against military enlistment.

Is it really newsworthy for a newspaper covering Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington to give front-page coverage to people in Berkeley who are discouraging enlistment? I might see the point if they were encouraging it.

I did notice the Albany connection to the story, with author Paul Rockwell, a former librarian in Albany. Still, one can't help but conclude that this story's selection and placement was more about advancing a cause than reporting on a notable event.

Those who would advance this cause should heed the words of George Orwell: "Good people sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."

Mark Mallah
Albany

Lots of questions

I am puzzled by Iran's President Ahmadinejad's threat to destroy Israel.

Is his hatred for Israel inspired by his love for Palestinians, his fellow Muslims (since Iran has had no direct contact with Israel)?

There are more than 1 million Palestinians living in Israel who would also be destroyed along with the Jews. That in-

cludes their mosques and the Dome of the Rock.

Prevailing winds worldwide blow from west to east, and nuclear fallout would kill or injure thousands, if not millions, of his fellow Muslims living in Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank, Gaza and Jordan.

Is his hatred for Israel so intense that he is prepared to wipe out millions of his fellow Muslims living on and near Israel's borders?

Why aren't the leaders of the countries on Israel's borders speaking out against "the second Holocaust" in order to protect their own citizens? Do they all have a homicide-bomber mentality?

Sidney Kamil
Albany

Check nonprofit ratings before donating money

I am writing out of deep concern for the inequities in the funding process that affect the betterment of people in our community.

There are a number of very hard-working local nonprofit agencies in our community that, with additional monetary support, could achieve a higher level of success. For 25 years, I ran my own nonprofit organization.

Every day, I get three to six letters from nonprofit organizations asking for money or material donations. Many of these groups I have never heard of, and many of them have received an "F" rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy, a national publication that rates all nonprofits with an A, B, C, D or F. Last year alone, people donated more than \$2 billion, not realizing that far too many of these organizations keep 80 percent or more of the money received for their administrative costs.

I want to caution readers not to talk to anyone on the phone who is asking for donations, nor anyone who comes to your door. Don't give them anything without first checking their rating. Ask a local nonprofit that receives a yearly copy of the AIP report to let you look up a rating.

I have spoken to churches, and found that some very rich people have donated thousands of dollars yearly to agencies that had an F rating. Looking at the publication, you will see an F rating for some organizations purportedly meant to help American Indians, veterans, cancer groups, feeding children in Africa, etc. The AIP report explains in detail why the F rating was applied.

I suggest that those who wish to donate consider giving to local nonprofits that have proven their worth and honesty. I

have personal knowledge of the Bay Area Rescue Mission (formerly Richmond Rescue Mission), Opportunity West and the GRIP Souper Center that feeds about 1,000 people daily. These organizations can really use your money and volunteer help.

To request a copy of AIP's most recent publication, call 773-529-2300.

Fred Foggo
El Cerrito

Decision in high court on Guantanamo Bay

We should be grateful that five of them Supreme Court justices insist on the single greatest guarantee of our freedoms: habeas corpus, and on the decent protections of the Geneva Conventions — but appalled that three conservative justices should be so ready to abandon such fundamental expressions of our civilization the moment it is put under threat.

Our present Congress appears intent on lowering our nation's standards to the level of those against whom we defend; it must be prevented from annulling this check.

Mike Bloxham
Kensington

'Lie and die'

I'm so tired of hearing one newscaster after another repeating Karl Rove's Republican mantra, "cut and run," to deny the Democrats.

What did our commander in chief do when he got tired of the war in Afghanistan? Funds were diverted so they could start on Iraq. Now the Taliban, never really defeated, is growing stronger than ever.

I would like to hear on the news last night what Sen. John Kerry said, "lie and die" and "borrow and stay."

Democrats are seeking a way to clean up the mess this administration has made in Iraq. We invaded on lies. When will it end?

Betty Coates
El Cerrito

Language diversity is wrong idea

Knowledge of English is a requirement for citizenship and, therefore, voting, so it is ridiculous that American taxpayers must spend millions of dollars to create the print version of the Tower of Babel every election.

It sends a terrible message to newly naturalized immigrants that they don't have to speak English to vote. They learn that assimilation to the American national community is no longer valued.

Furthermore, it is inaccurate to call this unfunded Washington mandate "bilingual" voting: Los Angeles County now has to provide ballots in six languages. The cost for those materials in the November 2004 election was \$2.1 million.

Rather than providing services in every language under the sun, business and government should insist that knowledge of English is required to participate in civic life. The Voting Rights Act should be amended to reflect this idea.

The biblical story of Babel was not a celebration of diversity but a curse from God. Diversity may be a positive influence in some areas, such as music and cuisine, but language diversity just means people can't communicate.

Brenda Walker
Berkeley

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Mayor Janet Abelson

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Recycling Center — 7501 Schmidt Lane. 510-215-4350.

Web site: www.el-cerrito.org

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Bay Area commute feels like old times

After years of decline, time spent on the road is rising longer and hits the biggest single-year gain since the dot-com boom

By Mike Adamick
STAFF WRITER

In case you haven't noticed, traffic is back — and getting worse.

After a brief reprieve when the dot-com bust meant fewer commuters on Bay Area roadways, cars have returned in waves to clog intersections, freeways and thoroughfares around the region, according to statistics released recently by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

The amount of time motorists and sighing and pounding their steering wheels in frustration because of gridlock-related delays jumped 9 percent last year over 2004 — the largest single-year gain since the peak of the dot-com boom in 2000.

"More people are working, therefore there's more congestion," said Scott Haggerty, an Alameda County supervisor and member of the commission, which plans and funds the Bay Area road and transit network. In all, motorists spent 5,700 hours stewing in traffic last year. Although the traffic levels haven't yet matched

the 2000 peak of 177,600 delay hours, last year's steep increase shows traffic is back after a period of decline or sluggish growth.

Haggerty pointed to job growth as a major reason behind the traffic congestion. The region gained 26,000 jobs last year, according to the state Employment and Development Department.

"We are keenly aware that transportation tracks employment," he said.

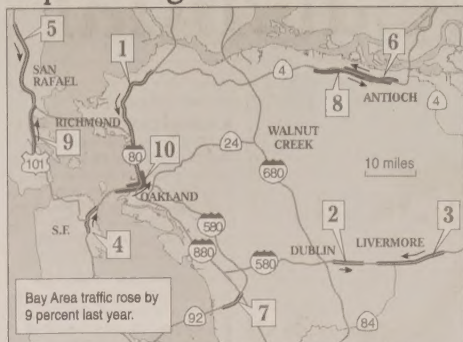
Nine of the "top 10" worst commutes in 2004 made a repeat showing, with the Interstate 80 corridor between the Bay Bridge and Hercules consistently ranking No. 1.

New to the list is the afternoon commute on eastbound Highway 4 from Bailey Road to A Street-Lone Tree Way, a zone that has become more problematic as more motorists commute between East County homes and jobs in other parts of the East Bay or San Francisco. In 2002, it was ranked 20th; in 2004, it was 13th; last year it snared the No. 8 position.

Bijan Sartipi, head of the Caltrans Bay Area office, said road widenings over the next few years along Highway 4 from Pittsburg to Antioch could help alleviate some congestion once the lanes expand from four to eight.

But overall, the Bay Area freeway network faces tough

Top 10 congested roads



1. I-80 westbound morning commute from Highway 4 to the Bay Bridge
2. I-580 eastbound evening commute from I-680 to El Cerrito Road
3. I-580 westbound morning commute from North Flyn Road to Alway Boulevard
4. Highway 101 northbound evening commute to I-80's Sterling Street on-ramp
5. Highway 101 southbound morning commute from Route 37 to I-580
6. Highway 4 westbound morning commute from Lone Tree Way to Livermore Road
7. Route 92 eastbound evening commute from Clawfoot Road to I-680
8. Highway 4 eastbound evening commute from Bailey Road to Lone Tree Way
9. Highway 101 northbound evening commute from Marin City to San Rafael
10. I-680 eastbound evening commute from Yerba Buena Island to Emeryville

Source: Caltrans

STAFF

times, he said. There's little room to widen major freeways, such as I-80 and little money on hand for the work.

"We are in the catch-up mode," he said.

Transportation officials are hyping a \$20 billion state bond on the November ballot as a way to pay for more road work, including \$2 billion for cargo corridors such as I-580 in the Tri-Valley, which is a key route for carrying goods from the Port of Oakland to the rest of California.

fornia, Haggerty said.

Sartipi said transportation officials are looking for other ways to relieve congestion, such as new metering lights and real-time cameras, more tow trucks to clear accident scenes quickly and additional car pool lanes.

"The more people we move in fewer vehicles, the better off everyone is," he said.

Reach Mike Adamick at 925-945-4745 or madamick@cc-times.com.

Casual reading should include classic plays

"Nostalgia helped — it makes the little flat in the play more attractive really than our apartment was — and as I thought about it the glass animals came to represent the fragile, delicate ties that must be broken, that you inevitably break, when you try to fulfill yourself."

— Tennessee Williams, as quoted in the Berkeley Rep Magazine (Issue 6, 2005-06)



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

I HAVE NOTICED that hardly anyone at my library requests a play to read. Occasionally, there will be a request for one by Shakespeare, and — less often — another one of those school assignments, such as "Death of a Salesman." But otherwise, plays aren't used much for casual reading.

I was thinking about this recently as I attended a performance of a play that I have seen many times and have also read. There are many of these because my mother directed and acted in plays when I was growing up. Consequently, I spent a great deal of time backstage or in the audience or listening to her lines.

In fact, the language of my childhood is peppered with quotes from plays, as well as casual references to the titles. For instance, we called "Streetcar Named Desire" simply "Streetcar," and we all knew what we were talking about. And the characters of these many plays became part of the way I grew to understand how people relate to each other. In many cases, this was probably not the best introduction to adult conversation, since these works included Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days" and "Waiting for Godot" — plays not known for their cheerful outlook.

In addition, the year I was 17, I read nothing but plays. I was particularly taken with Ibsen, and I read everything I could find. O'Neill, too, got my attention, and that was the year I discovered "Long Day's Journey Into Night" — a play that still pulls at me and makes great sense.

I think what draws me to literature and to plays in particular are the relationships among the people. I like beautiful language, but what I love most of all is conversation — in novels, in biographies and in plays. To me, that is the essence of why I

read: to increase my understanding of the world through the eyes and words of its people. I realize many of the plays I've read have unrealistic, symbolic lines — real people don't necessarily talk that way. Yet I think real people have the same thoughts and feel the same feelings, and that is what the give-and-take of the conversations is all about.

Seeing a different interpretation of a familiar play can be an interesting experience. The Berkeley Rep production of "Glass Menagerie" was not much like the one my mother directed years ago. This shouldn't have been a surprise to me, since it is up to the director how the words, gestures, movements and even stage design will be realized.

Yet I found the characters less sympathetic, almost exaggerated, and so what I remembered as a play that throbbed with undercurrents of feeling and meaning seemed more superficial. The biggest surprise for me was the scene in which the delicate glass unicorn loses its horn. The last time I saw that scene, it was wrenching to watch fragile Laura cupping the pieces in her hand. This time, the audience laughed. Not perhaps because of what happened, but somehow because of the way they heard the lines or the lines were said.

That experience was a good example of the difference not only between productions but also between reading a play and seeing it. When you read it, the characters are yours to create — with only the guidance of the playwright. And in my imagination, those characters were real people, and that unicorn really did break. And it was devastating.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

47 Marin Ave. 510-526-3720 or www.aclibrary.org

Hours: Mondays, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays, a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, closed; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children of all ages are invited to a magical trip to Pasquale's Shop by playing the library's summer reading game — "Paws, Scales and Bubbles!" The game is available at the library through Aug. 12. The game is open to all ages, and children not yet reading on their own may continue listening to others read. Readers who reach the first prize square on the path receive a book bag, a bookmark and a pizza certificate. Round Table. Players who continue reading and spinning until they reach the end of the path receive a book, a sticker, a bowling coupon from Albany Bowl and a coupon from the San Francisco Giants. Players have their own reading program, "Read Around the World," through Aug. 12. Prizes include a book and a free one-day pass to Mount of the Great America.

For the first time, there is a summer reading contest for adults only. In other adult mystery readers in the library's "Summer Mystery" contest. Read a mystery set in a foreign country. Fill out an entry form for each book and put it in the entry box at the library. There is a limit on entries. Special mystery prizes will be awarded at the end of July and August.

Flute Sweets & Tickletoons will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the 11th Stone Room. Keith Torgan and Barbara Siesel perform "Green Apple & Her Golden Flute." This musical introduces children to the flute and the magic of classical music. Torgan is a singer, songwriter, guitarist, actor, storyteller and performance artist who has appeared in hundreds of schools, libraries and theaters throughout the United States. Artist Barbara Siesel of Flute Sweets has performed in major concert halls throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

The library presents a drop-in story writing workshop, led by Allison Seevak, from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Seevak is an Albany resident and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at

schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area.

■ Musician and teacher Kathleen Rushing will offer a presentation, full of interactive songs and stories suitable for the entire family, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. Kathleen uses a variety of instruments and props, such as guitar, drums, kazoo and gummy bears.

■ The Friends of the Albany Library will hold a book sale Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale will feature paperbacks, fiction, children's books, magazines, records, DVDs and a special "treasure hunt" section. Most items are priced at 50 cents. There will be a bag sale from 2-3 p.m. — all the books you can fit in a bag for \$3. The library is at 1247 Marin Ave. For more information, or to volunteer for the sale, contact Ronnie Davis at Ext. 16 or rdavis@aclibrary.org.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free and for all ages. No registration required.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary.

El Cerrito Library

6510 Stockton Ave.
510-526-7512 or www.ccclib.org

Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesdays, closed; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Free Internet classes are offered on Saturday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m. Please call to register for the following upcoming classes: July 15: Useful Web sites; July 29: Health and medical information; Aug. 12: Finding newspaper and magazine articles; Aug. 26: Travel information.

■ The library will offer a series of Monday evening story times through July 31 at 7 p.m. for ages 3 and older. Each of the meetings, which will include songs and fingerplays as well as stories, lasts about a half-hour. The themes for the remaining story times will be "Tweet! Tweet!" (stories about birds) on July 10; "Old McDonald's Farm" on

July 17; "Fins, Scales and Bubbles" (stories about fish) on July 24; and "Puppy Dog Tales" on July 31.

■ Live animals come to the library at 11 a.m. Saturday. Several small animals, possibly including a parrot, a hedgehog, a snake, a turtle and/or a lizard, will be part of the Oakland Zoo's Zoomobile presentation that morning. Children of all ages and their parents are encouraged to come to the library to see and hear about the animals, and also to learn more about the Contra Costa County Library's 2006 Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." Call the library at 510-526-7512.

■ Join John Hamamura for a talk on his debut novel, "Color of the Sea," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18. Through his story of Sam and Kelko, Hamamura explores the conflicting loyalties of a generation of Japanese Americans growing up in the years before World War II and later experiencing internment camps and the bombing of Hiroshima.

■ The summer series of lapsit story times at the library will run through Aug. 3. These story times, which meet Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m. are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories.

■ Readers Anonymous book club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. The title for July 25 is "Stones for Ibarra" by Harriet Doerr.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hourlong appointments Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
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■ The next meeting of the library's book club will be Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m. The group will discuss "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London. Future titles: Aug. 28: "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez; Sept. 25: "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 23: "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ "Castoffs," the library's knitting club, meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

■ The East Bay Guide Dog Raisers' Club presents a visit with a puppy being raised for service at 2 p.m. Saturday with Cindy Sevilla. And meet some real wild animals courtesy of the Oakland Zoo at the same time July 22.

Contra Costa County

■ Contra Costa County Library's summer reading program will run through Aug. 21. Follow the animal tracks on your reading record to fun and prizes during the kids reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales," for children through grade 5. See what's lurking around the corner for all teens who read during "Creature Feature: Teens Read 2006," for teens in grades 6-12. The library system also introduces the first annual adult reading program for everyone age 18 and older. Simply read and submit a raffle ticket for your chance to win exciting prizes in weekly countywide drawings held throughout the summer. For more information or to get started, please contact your community library: call 800-984-4636 or visit www.ccclib.org.

— Craig Lazzaretto

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- **Kol Hadash** — Humanistic (non-theistic) activities, July 14, 6-8 p.m., Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Family Pot Luck Shabbat Celebration. Service led by cantorial soloist Ben Singer. Free, open to all. RSVP with food choice: info@kol-hadash.org.
- **East Bay Atheists** — Berkeley meeting, July 16, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Berkeley's Main Library, 2090 Kitredge St., 3rd floor Meeting Room. David Seaborg talks on "Global Warming: The Most Important Issue of the 21st Century." Details: Larry 510-222-7580.
- **Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center** — Events at 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: brjcc.org, 510-848-0237 x132. **July 25, Aug. 29;** 7 p.m., Awakening Joy with James Baraz. \$25/month, \$150/series. Details: awakeningjoy@pacbell.net, spiritednights.org. — **Aug. 27,** 12:30 p.m., SF Bay Area Jewish Genealogy Society meeting. Details: Jeremy 510-525-4052, jfranke@iml.net.
- **Aquarian Mynin Author Series** — **July 26,** 7:30 p.m., Berkeley-Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Barry Barkan reads from "The Way of the Champion: A Live Oak Learner's Journal." — **Aug. 23,** 7:30 p.m., Reuben Goldfarb reads from "Baseball Kabbalah and Sane Terrain." — **July 26,** 7:30 p.m., Naomierose@pon.net, www.aquarian-mynin.org.

EXHIBITS

- **Eclectix's Back Room Gallery** — "The All Guriz Show, A Mixed Media Group Show," **July 7-Sept. 7,** 7523 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. **July 7,** 7-9 p.m., opening reception. Artists include Yvette Buigues, Lori-Marie Jenkins, Lucy Lewis, Patricia Mitchell, Susan Mond, Sabrina Shelby, Heidi Rand, Susan Synarski.
- **"Creation Ground"** — **July 8-Sept. 8,** Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Always open. Paintings by Diane Williams and Chuck Potter, "Soul Houses" ceramic sculpture by Art Lyckberg. **July 24,** 3 p.m., reception. Details: 510-204-1667.
- **La Pena Cultural Center** — Through **Aug. 31,** "Migrant Women's Labor Central Valley" by Saundra Sturdevant. **July 9,** 5 p.m., opening reception. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.
- **Judah L. Magnes Museum** — Events at 6:30 p.m. unless noted. **July 13,** "For Review" with Joshua Bruff, reading from "The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green." \$6-\$8. — Exhibitions: through **July 9,** "Modernism in Israel: Works on Paper," through **July 16,** "Revisions Larry Abramson: Searching for the Ideal City." **July 31-Jan. 14,** "Revisions Jonathon Keats: The First Interlateral Art Exposition." Through **Sept. 21,** "My America: Art from the Jewish Museum Collection, 1900-1955." — **July 20,** "My America" Guest Lecture with Susan Landauer. \$6-\$8 — **July 30,** 2 p.m., "Revisions" Opening with Keats and Vitaly Komar in discussion of conceptual art, collaborative process and Jewish culture. \$10-\$12. — **Aug. 3,** "My America" Guest Lecture with Drew Johnson. \$6-\$8. — **Aug. 17,** "For Review" with Peter Seiz, reading from "Art of Engagement: Visual Politics in California and Beyond." 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Details: 510-549-6950, www.magnes.org.
- **Berkeley Art Center** — Through **July 15,** 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Exhibit by 2005 Members' Showcase winners Janina Brown and Lucy Traber. — **July 23-Aug. 26,** "23rd Annual National Juried Exhibition." **July 23,** 2-4 p.m., opening reception. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Details: 510-644-6893, www.berkeleyartcenter.org.
- **UC Berkeley Art Museum** — Through **July 16,** "Now-Ten Venezuela Part 2." — Through **Sept.**

- 17,** "Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India." Guided tours: 5:30 p.m. **July 6, Aug. 3;** 2 p.m. **July 9, 23, Aug. 6;** 12:15 p.m. **July 13, 27, Aug. 10;** through **Oct. 22,** "Centers of Artistry: Indian Paintings." — Through **Dec. 3,** "Bancroft Library at 100: A Celebration, 1906-2006." 2 p.m. **July 16,** Gallery Talk with Amy Lippert. — Through **June 24, 2007,** "A Measure of Time," "Selections from the Collection." 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley. Details: 510-842-0808, www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.
- **Giorgi Gallery** — George Long: "Paintings on Paper and Canvas," through **July 30,** Wednesdays-Sundays 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. 5-9:30 p.m. **July 20,** reception. Details: 510-848-1228.
- **Schurman-Scriptum Gallery** — "Birds and Flowers in Japanese Art," through **July 28;** Wednesdays-Saturdays 12-6 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m.; 1659 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Features early 20th century woodblock prints by Ohara Kosen, early 21st century color etchings by Ando Shihji. Details: 510-526-1236, elliscriptum@yahoo.com.
- **Ames Gallery** — "Ted Gordon," through **Sept. 30,** weekdays 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-4949, http://amesgallery.com.
- **Badé Museum** — Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Holbrook Building, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Through **January 2007,** "Making Cakes for the Queen of Heaven: Family Religion in Ancient Israel." Details: 510-849-8201.

OUTDOORS

- **Berkeley Path Wanderers Association** — **July 8,** 10 a.m., meet at Channing Way and 10th Street. Exploration of Southwest Berkeley's fascinating industrial and working-class history; imaginative and architecturally exciting re-uses; and an urban greenway a-borning. Walk is moderate, level, fairly long; wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Free. Details: 510-848-9358, fscreaks@aol.com.
- **Cal Sailing Club** — Open House, 1-4 p.m. **July 9, 23;** 124 University Ave., Berkeley. Free sailboat rides. Bring: change of clothes, strap for your glasses, windbreaker, sneakers, maybe a towel (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult; no rides for kids under 5). Bring lunch or \$5 for BBQ. Nonprofit community-service club teaches folks to safely handle a small boat or windsurf rig. \$60/3-month membership. Details: ad_chair@cal-sailing.org, www.cal-sailing.org.
- **Recreational Equipment Inc.** — Free events at 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. **July 9, 23;** 10:11 a.m., Hands-on Bicycle Clinic. **July 18,** 7 p.m., Angels in the Wilderness: One Woman's Extraordinary Story of Survival. — **July 25,** 7 p.m., Cycle Touring: Tips for Paring Down Your Load. Details: 510-527-4140 or http://rei.com/stores.
- **University of California Botanical Garden** — 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 9 a.m.-noon **Aug. 5,** Sick Plant Clinic. First Saturdays monthly. — **July 12,** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Twilight Tour - Uncommon Conifers. \$8-\$12. — **July 19,** 5:30-6:30 p.m., Botanical ABC's Tour. Evening tour of garden's collections. Wear sturdy shoes for hiking garden paths. \$8-\$12. — **July 20, Aug. 17;** 10:30 a.m.-noon, Summer Family Fun Days. Children with an adult can enjoy a hands-on investigation, start a mini-garden, see garden with new eyes through art and math. Activities change monthly. Picnic lunches encouraged. \$14-\$18; price includes one parent and one child, additional adult or children per family \$7 each. Details: 510-643-2755, http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

ONGOING

SUPPORT

- **Pet Loss Support Group** — Meets 7-8:30 p.m. 3d Tuesdays monthly at Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. Free, drop-in, for humans only. Details: 510-845-7735, www.berkeleyhumane.org.
- **Neighborhood Parents Network** — Offers information, support, social

- and educational events, a monthly newsletter, playgroups, support groups, preschool and elementary school info, more for east bay families. Details: 877-648-5437, www.npnonline.org.
- **Fibromyalgia Support Group of Berkeley** — Third Tuesdays monthly, 12-2 p.m., Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Assists those coping with Fibromyalgia and the people who support them. Details: 510-204-4503.
- **Narconon** — Nonprofit public benefit organization specializing in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers free professional assessments, advice, referrals to over 11,000 treatment centers nationally. Details: 800-556-8885, http://drugrehab.net.
- **Older People United** — Invites those over 75 years old to discuss problems of getting older, looking for solutions and getting helpful information. Jean Reyes leads group at Gray Panther Office, 1403 Addison St., Berkeley. Details: 510-548-9696.
- **Family/Friends Who Care for Older Adults** — Meets third Wednesdays monthly, 4-5:30 p.m. at Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Free drop-in support group. Discuss personal and practical issues.
- **Alzheimer's Support Groups** — 1st Wednesdays monthly, 7-9 p.m., Deanna 925-284-7942. 1st & 3rd Thursdays monthly, 4:30-6 p.m.; Lauren 510-844-8292. Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay, 2320 Channing Way, Berkeley. — For Early Onset Family/Caregivers, Any Stage: 4th Thursdays monthly, 7-9 p.m., 800 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Details: Ericka 925-788-7709. — Details: 800-272-3900, www.alznorcal.org.
- **Narconon Arrowhead** — Help in coping with addicts. Narconon Arrowhead offers free counseling, assessments, referrals to rehabilitation centers. Details: 800-468-8933, www.stopaddiction.com.
- **National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-East Bay Chapter** is sponsoring a free monthly family support group at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany. Details: 510-524-1250.
- **Mid-Life Women's Group** — Meets Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m. for support, friendship and sharing issues, with an experienced facilitator. Details: 510-237-2210.
- **Charcot Marie Tooth** — Quarterly Support group meetings, 2-4 p.m. at Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Details: Gail 408-425-5629.
- **Teen Support Group** — Meets Tuesdays twice monthly at Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Free group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. Details: 510-531-7551.
- **Support Groups For Mothers** — Sessions for first-time mothers and babies (under 5 months) at Ann Martin Children's Center. Experienced facilitator. Details: 510-524-0821.
- **Berkeley Parkinson's Support Group** — Meets Mondays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Details: Irene 510-524-4847, Mitzi 510-527-9075.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** — Meets Fridays, 1:30 p.m. downstairs at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Fellowship helps conquer compulsive overeating. Wheelchair accessible. Details: Katherine 510-525-5231, www.oaaeast-bay.org.
- **Forty-Plus Free** — Meets Mondays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. at 7700 Bridge-water Drive, Suite 626, Oakland. Comprehensive career transition program suited to needs of mature managers, executives and professionals. Details: 510-568-7587, www.forty-plus.org.
- **Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** — Meets 2nd

- Tuesdays monthly (except December), 1-2:30 p.m. at Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-204-4503.
- **Stroke Support Group** — Meets 1st Tuesdays monthly, 4-5 p.m. in Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Free, no advance reservations are required, drop in anytime. Details: 510-204-4503.
- **Women's Cancer Resource Center** — Gentle guidance through basic steps of grieving loss of a loved one to cancer at 5741 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. Details: 510-420-7900, www.wccrc.org.
- **Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay** offers:
- Bereavement Support Groups: Free, pre-registration required. Wednesdays, 4:30-6 p.m., JFCS/East Bay in Berkeley, 510-704-7480 x988.
 - Support Group for Women 60 Years and Older — Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 3:30-5 p.m. at Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center. Explore new options for coping with life transitions, making new friendships, dealing with family/peer relationships, changing old habits. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$10/session. Details: Mari 510-704-7480 x740.
 - Interfaith Couples Group: Thursdays, 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Details: Cathy 510-704-7480 x225.
 - Social Skills and Anger Management for Boys — Meets Mondays, 4:15-5:15 p.m. at Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay in Berkeley. Group for 7-9 year old boys expressing anger and other feelings inappropriately, or having difficulty making friends. Fee: \$40/session. Sliding scale and medical accepted. Details: David 510-704-7480 x267.

- **Women's Cancer Resource Center** — To attend a support group, call Helpline at 510-420-7900 during Center's open hours: Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturdays monthly, 12-4 p.m.
- LEARNING**
- **St. John's Prime Timers Senior Center**, St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley, offers ongoing classes in exercise, ceramics, writing, more; monthly speakers on matters of current interest; travel slide presentations. New members, seniors over 50 welcome. Discount lunches offered. Senior group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings. Details: 510-845-6830. — Gentle exercise for seniors with Doreale Castello, Tuesdays, 9:45-10:30 a.m. Classical music, chairs for balance used. Free. Class details: 510-527-0167.
- **World Affairs/Politics discussion group** — For adults ages 60+, 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. \$2.50 includes refreshments. Details: 510-524-9122.
- **Handbuilding Ceramics class** — Through Berkeley Adult School. Tuesdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. — Mondays 12-4 p.m., Wednesdays 1-3 p.m., South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St. Materials & firing charges only. Details: Diana 510-525-5497.
- **Adult Asthma Education** — 4th Thursdays monthly, 3-5:30 p.m. in Berkeley. Pulmonary Department of Alta Bates Summit Medical Center helps people deal with and control asthma by understanding trigger points, treatment, more. Free. Registration/location: 510-204-1586.
- **Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club** presents free lessons Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at 2270 Acton St., Berkeley. Details: Ted 510-232-7129.
- **Community Country Dance** — 2nd Fridays monthly, 8-11 p.m., Prospect Sierra School, 960 Avis Drive, El Cerrito. Intro class is 7:30 p.m. Contra, circle, and couple dances with live fiddle music,

- prompted by caller. No partners required, beginners welcome, wear clean, no-marking shoes. Cost: \$10. Details: 510-233-7929.
- **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers** — provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Details: 510-845-1226.
- **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** — presents series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. Hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. Classes held at fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St., Berkeley. Classes open to all, 18 or older, who live or work in Berkeley. To register: 510-644-8736.
- **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — Offers theatre classes/seminars, taught by professionals, for all ages, all year, including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs, theatre techniques and improvisation. Classes at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Details: 510-524-9132 or http://ccct.org.
- **Assets Senior Employment** — Offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? Receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Details: 510-238-3554.
- **Julia Morgan Center for the Arts** — Offers family-friendly program classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.
- **Berkeley Adult School** — Offers ceramics classes, Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Classes are free, materials and firing charges are not. Lunch is offered at a minimal charge. Details: 510-525-5497.
- **Berkeley Adult School** — Offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. Free. — Vocational classes, introductory and advanced computer classes offered at low cost. Details: 510-644-6130.
- **Berkeley Community Media** — Channel 25 offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-848-2288.

LITERARY EVENTS

- **Theatrical Poetic Collective at Twilight Tuesdays: A Voyage Of Verse, Voice, Vision featuring:** Open mic, third eye poetry. Enjoy weekly scheduled evenings with theme poetry and an "On the Spot 5 Minutes Drop" Poetry Contest (not a slam) at 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays at Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Entry fee \$2. Admission \$5; no one turned away for lack of funds.
- **Poetry Express** — Mondays, 7 p.m., Pivya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Weekly open mic hosted by Mark Stas. Details: berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com.
- MEETINGS/LECTURES**
- **JumpStart** — A synergistic alliance of entrepreneurs sharing information, support and business tools, inspiring growth and success. First and third Wednesdays monthly 8-9:30 a.m. with networking until 10 a.m. at A Cuppa Tea, 3202 College Ave., Berkeley. Visitors: \$5 per meeting. Details: Joni 510-652-4532, www.jumpstartten.com.
- **El Cerrito Lions Club** — Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays monthly, 7 p.m. at Hacienda Restaurant, 12020 San Pablo Ave., Richmond. Second Tuesday is Guest Night with dinner, a short business meeting, and a speaker; fourth Tuesday is dinner and Board of Directors meeting. Dinner \$13. Reser-

- vations: Dean 510-233-6663.
- **Berkeley Camera Club** — Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your photos and prints and learn what photographers are doing. Monthly trips. Details: Don 510-525-3929.
- **Simplicity Forum** — Meets monthly to discuss ways to work lives by finding ways to work, consume less, rush less, have time to build community with family, and live more lightly on the planet. Details: 510-526-6511, www.simplifying.net.
- **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Staying Fit)** — Albany Chapter meetings, days, 9:30 a.m. at 980 Stannage Ave., Albany. Details: Mary 510-3711.
- **Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung** — Classes, Wednesdays 7 p.m., Berkeley Unitarian Church, 9 a.m. at Berkeley Fellowship Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. All ages, physical conditions are welcome. Donations. Details: 510-268-4995.
- **Learn computer applications** — Windows 95 and 98, Microsoft 2000 software, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class on Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. at Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite 111, San Pablo. Details: 510-268-0840 or www.cccoe.k12.ca.us.
- **Storytelling for Adults** — first Thursdays monthly, 6-8 p.m., Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue Ave., Berkeley. Group of storytellers and listeners, who love to keep oral tradition alive. Free. Details: 510-844-510-525-1533.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** — Fridays, 1:30 p.m. in Room 231 at brae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Group for those who eat compulsively. C provided. Details: 510-525-5231.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** — In Saturdays 8:30 a.m. (newcomers welcome) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 12-step program providing free aid for those with eating problems. Details: 510-238-3554.
- **El Cerrito Toastmasters** — 2nd and 4th Thursdays monthly, 7:00 p.m. at El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Offers basic public speaking & leadership activities and programs. Members of all skill levels invited. D contact Jim at jim@peachpoint.com.
- **Berkeley-Emeryville Toastmasters Club** — Meetings Tuesdays 12:10-1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Join an informal, friendly and supportive atmosphere, and polish your communication skills. Beginning to advanced speakers welcome. Details: Richard 510-848-1841, Chris 510-601-8696.

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Health Toastmasters — 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays, 12:10-11:40 p.m. at State Building, 2151 Berkeley Way, Berkeley. Details: 510-649-7750.

Express Toastmasters — (Smart) Meets Mondays 6:15-7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-549-9671.

Toastmasters on Campus — Meet and 4th Wednesdays monthly, 6:30 p.m. at English Language Center Building, 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-704-1622.

Avatar Metaphysics — Club meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays monthly, 6:15-7:30 p.m. at 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-549-7750.

Communicators' Toastmasters — Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesdays monthly, 7:15 a.m. at Cafe, 3250 Adeline St., Berkeley. Details: 510-527-2337.

Hadash — Jewish Humanistic (Jewish) Congregation celebrates Shabbat holidays, holds special services, and meets at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Meetings at 7:30 p.m. on fourth and fifth Mondays for Shabbat (Sabbath) and two Sundays monthly for Tisha B'Shvat and Bar/Bat Mitzvah. A Family Brown Bag Shabbat and 11 a.m. on second Saturday of each month at Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. Details: 510-428-1492, info@hadash.org.

MISCELLANY

Independent Living Program — Center for Independent Living assists people with disabilities, particularly immigrants, providing services in Cantonese, Vietnamese, and English. Staff knows community and government services for disabled. Details: CIL 510-989.

Wishes Inc. — Free electric chairs available to senior citizens permanently disabled if they or those who manual wheelchair in home, and meet program guidelines. No deposit required. Details: 510-549-6715.

Disabled American Veterans — Center meets 2nd Tuesdays monthly, 7 p.m. at 2088 Center St., Berkeley. No host dinner. Short business meeting at 8 p.m. at Veterans Center Building, 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Fee: \$3. Women with relation to U.S. Military are invited to attend auxiliary. Details: R. DeRiti, D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-0937.

Albany Senior Activity Center — Meets Thursdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in Albany Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. West Contra Costa Adult School presents classes, for those over 55. Details: 510-465-5104, 510-547-1969.

Alignment — Mondays 7-11 p.m. at Feldenkrais Center, 830 Pitt Way, Berkeley. Seminars create spiritual partnerships. \$20. Details: 510-541-5337.

MUSIC

Albany Costa Chorale — Accepts donations and soloists for its 40th anniversary. Rehearsals Mondays 9-11 p.m. at Hillside Community Church, 1422 Naville St., El Cerrito. Signups: 510-524-1861 or to rehearsals. Details: www.ccc-chorale.org.

chorale.org.

Womansong Circle — Meets 7:15-9:30 p.m. first Fridays monthly at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Potluck snacks 6:45 p.m. Suggested donation \$8. Community singing for women, singer/songwriter/songleader Betsy Rose. No skills needed. Details: 510-525-7082.

Berkeley Faculty Club — Thursdays and Fridays, 5-8:30 p.m. in Kerr Dining Room, UC Berkeley campus. Piano music by Tim Ross and Jack Kruscup. Early Bird specials 5-6:30 p.m. weekdays: \$13.99. Reservations: 510-540-5678. Details: www.berkeley-facultyclub.com.

Jazz Mine — Performances Fridays 6:30-9:30 p.m. at King Tsin Chinese Restaurant, 1899 Solano Ave., Berkeley.

RELIGION

Berkeley Christian Business Men's Fellowship — USA Berkeley Chapter meets 12-1 p.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays monthly at Cafe Giovanni, 2420 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Everyone welcome. Ladies always welcome. Details: Gyan 510-223-3837, everesttreasure@msn.com. National office: 800-263-8881, www.bmfusa.com.

Global Wisdom Circle — presents series of meditation, dialogue, stories and rituals with spiritual teachers celebrating Buddhist, Christian, Indigenous, Islamic, Jewish and Sufi lineages. Tuesdays 7:30-9 p.m. at Studio Rasa, 933 Parker St., Berkeley. Suggested donation: \$14. Details: 510-843-2787, www.StudioRasa.org.

New Spirit Community Church — Sundays, 11 a.m. at Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Special worship service celebrating LGBT spirituality and pride. Details: 510-704-7729, www.newspiritchurch.org.

VOLUNTEERS

UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens — Seeks volunteers for its Garden Shop at 200 Centennial Drive. Volunteer shifts are available 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or 1:30-4:30 p.m. Meet people, keep up on garden-related books, unique gifts, first pick of plants. Details: 510-843-1924.

California Peace Action — Dedicated to building a citizen's movement for changes in United States foreign policy. Volunteers needed to assist paid staff, work independently, provide technical support, aid in community outreach. Details: 510-849-2272 x104 or sophia@californiapaceaction.org.

La Pena Cultural Center — Needs volunteers to help staff programs, do grassroots publicity, help in fundraising, do bulk mailings, more. Volunteer twice monthly, get into all other programs free. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-849-2568 x13.

Berkeley School Volunteers — Training provided; help out in classrooms, grading, etc. Teachers love it, students benefit from it, volunteers enjoy productively serving community. Details: Barbara 510-644-8833, 510-644-8663.

Albany Senior Center — Volunteer opportunities at 846 Masonic Ave., Albany: Shopping van drivers, desk work, special events, kitchen helpers, Meals-On-Wheels drivers, more. Donate a few hours a week for a great cause. Details: 510-524-9122.

Berkeley Marina Volunteer Program — Train to become a docent and assist naturalists in teaching Bay Area ecology to children ages five to 18. Training is ongoing; new people welcome. Details: Patty or Denise 510-981-6720.

Red Cross volunteers needed — Interested in helping disaster victims?

Join Alameda County Disaster Action Team. Free training. — Agency Fair Representatives needed to staff booths at fairs, parades, festivals; good people skills a plus. — First Aid Station Workers needed during Bay Area public events. Details: Eva 510-595-4472, www.bayarea-redcross.org.

The Turnabout Shop — Thrift shop volunteers needed at 10052 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Proceeds support local healthcare needs. Donations of clothing, household items are welcome. Details: 510-525-7844.

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs — Needs Area Representative volunteers to interview families, council exchange students. Training, materials, reimbursements provided. Details: Windy 800-733-2773, 520-319-2773.

Civil Rights activists needed — Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington at P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Work Buddies — Volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Details: 510-644-8292.

OUTDOORS

Regional Parks Botanic Garden — Learn about California native plants in naturalistic ten-acre garden. Open daily 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., docent-guided tours Saturdays & Sundays 2 p.m., Visitor Center, Tilden Park, Berkeley. Admission, parking, tours are free. Details: 510-841-8732, www.nativeplants.org.

University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, offers: Free Sick plant clinic 9 a.m.-12 p.m. First Saturdays monthly. — Closed first Tuesdays monthly. Free first Thursdays monthly. Free docent tours 1:30 p.m. Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays. — Free Waterwise Gardening Tour, 3rd Thursdays & following Saturdays and Sundays monthly, 1:30 p.m. — Admission: \$1-\$5. Details: 510-843-2755, http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu.

Feed, care for orphaned baby birds — House sparrows, starlings & pigeons; species not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. Help return them to the wild. Free training, supplies. Details: Myrna 510-531-3042, Lelia 510-655-3911.

COMMUNITY

Bay Area Community Services presents special lunch days 12-1 p.m. at various locations in Alameda County. Donation \$2.25. Details/reservations: 510-986-8900, www.bayareacs.org.

Berkeley Farmers' Markets — Tuesday's Market 2-7 p.m., Derby Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers' market 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, Shattuck Avenue & Rose Street. Organically grown produce. — Saturday's market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street & Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Open all year. Details: 510-548-3333, www.ecologycenter.org.

Albany Senior Center — 846 Masonic Ave., Albany. 12-1 p.m. 3rd Fridays monthly, Low Vision Support Group. Free. — 1:45-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays & 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays, Massage Therapy. \$25/30 minutes. — 12-1 p.m. 2nd & 3rd Thursdays monthly, Free Caregiver Support Group. — 9-11:30 a.m. 2nd Mondays monthly, Free Foot and Health Care. — 12-1 p.m. Wednesdays, Rosen Movement. \$5/class. Details: 510-524-9122.

Hopalong Animal Rescue — Dog & puppy temporary foster homes are urgently needed. Local animal shelters are overcrowded and the situation is desperate. Details: 510-267-1915, www.hopalong.org.

Berkeley City Club — Free docent-led tours 4th Sundays monthly 1-4 p.m., 2315 Durant Ave. Dedicated to preservation & promotion of Julia Morgan's legacy. No December tour. Free; donations welcome. Reservations/details: 510-848-7800, 510-883-9710.

DONATIONS

Berkeley Toys for Tots — To donate toys to underprivileged children call Berkeley Police Captain Bill Pittman 510-981-5760.

Cars needed — Boys and Girls Clubs throughout California run car campaigns to help support their programs. To donate car: 800-246-0493. Some restrictions apply.

The Turnabout Shop — Needs thrift shop volunteers at 10052 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Proceeds support local healthcare needs. Shop hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Donations of clothing & household items are welcome. Details: 510-525-7844.

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers — Organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Provides computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Details: 510-845-1226.

CHILDREN/TEENS

Boy Scout meetings — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5-6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by Lion's Club. Details: Brian 510-231-0403.

Check out books from Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday - Thursday: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 510-848-0237.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theater classes & seminars taught by professionals for children, youth & adults including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs, theater techniques, improvisation. Details: 510-524-9132, www.cctc.org.

Special Children's Programs — Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m., El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. For children 22 months-3½ years old. Safe atmosphere, qualified supervision. Registration continuous, space permitting. Details: 510-215-4371.

Albany Karate for Kids — Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Nonaggressive classes for ages 4-16 taught by a female black belt instructor. Classes help develop self-confidence, skill. Details: 510-847-2400, http://albanykarateforkids.com.

Kurukula — Albany Community

Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Empowerment classes for young women ages 9-13. Fun and dynamic self-defense class including music and discussions. Informal 'Rap' sessions include bullies, boyfriends, peer-pressure and more. Details: 510-847-2400, www.kurukula.com.

EXHIBITS

ACCI Gallery — Arts and Crafts Cooperative, Inc., 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, is looking for distinctive, high-quality, contemporary fine art & crafts. Details: www.accigallery.com.

FILM/DANCE STAGE

Berkeley Circle Dancers — Fridays 8-10 p.m., Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, (4th Fridays at Hillside Church, 1422 Naville St., El Cerrito.) Simple folk dances (Greece, Israel, Scotland, Mexico, etc.) done in a circle. No experience or partners needed. Active since 1985. \$5 donation appreciated. Details: 510-528-4253, www.circlecledancing.com.

Shahrazad Dance Company — Rehearsals 6-8 p.m. Thursdays, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fridays in Berkeley. Specializing in contemporary Persian and Fusion dance. Dancers needed to perform in local events and (occasionally) Los Angeles. Experience in modern dance performance necessary; experience in Ballet, Flamenco, Indian dance helpful. Audition info: 510-215-2166.

St. Joseph the Worker Church — 1st Fridays monthly, 7:30 p.m. at 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. "First Fridays," programs with a social conscience. Free. Details: 510-482-1062.

Orches — third Saturdays monthly, 6-9:30 p.m. at Motivity Center, 2525-8th St., Berkeley. Dance/art organization presents "Dance Jammies" multi-generational family event. Dance class warm-up, dance jam, food and popcorn concession with cartoon, dance clip and movies. Reservations: 510-832-3835.

Folk Dancing — Fridays 8-11 p.m. at Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., Albany. Line dances taught from Albania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East, more. No partners, experience necessary, all ages welcome. Wear comfortable shoes. Small admission fee. Details: 510-525-1130.

Family Folkdancing — 3rd Sundays monthly, 12:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. No experience necessary. Families dance and laugh together. Drop in, all ages welcome, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Details: 510-632-3713.

Dance classes — Afro-Cuban, Kalarji Dances of India, West Coast Swing, Lindy Hop, East Coast Swing, much more offered at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Details: 510-525-5054.

Life Stories/Collage and Ceramic classes — Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. All are welcome. Free. Details: 510-845-6830.

Dance and fitness classes — Flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning, more at YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-\$10. Details: 510-848-6370.

Folkdance classes — Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave., Kensington. For all levels. Cost: \$30 for six-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop-in session. Details: Mel 510-848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug — Four-week classes beginning 1st Tuesdays monthly at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley. Beginning 7 p.m., 8 p.m. intermediate 8 p.m. \$40. Details: Diana 510-549-3591.

Swing Dance Classes — Monthly class series Mondays at Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Learn East Coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction. — Tuesdays, Beginning Lindy Hop 8:30-9:30 p.m., East Coast Swing 7-8 p.m., beginning Lindy Hop 8-9 p.m. at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St., Berkeley. Details: Michael 510-528-7858.

HEALTH

Breathexperience™ — Middendorf Institute for Breathexperience™, 830 Bancroft Way, #104, Berkeley. Weekly classes. Mondays: 12-1 p.m., "Oh, My Aching Back!" \$10; 5:30-6:45 p.m., "Restoring Vitality." \$10; 7-8:15 p.m., "The Experience of Breath." \$12. Wednesdays: 4:30-5:45 p.m., "Come to Your Senses." \$10; 6:15-7:15 p.m., "The Experience of Breath" (Intermediate Level); 7:30-9 p.m., "The Experience of Breath" (Advanced Level). \$15. Details: 510-981-1710.

Buddhist Meditation — Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. in Berkeley. Weekly introductory-level classes led by ordained nun Kelsang Chogyang. Learn art of relaxation and stress-release, discover far-reaching benefits. Kadampa Buddhism. Donation: \$7-\$10. Details: 510-559-8183, www.kadampas.org.

You are worth it! campaign — Downtown Berkeley YMCA, 2001 Allston Way. YMCA's goal is to help those who want to become healthy & active to reach their goals. Available: three pools; yoga, aerobic & water fitness classes; strength training/cardi equipment; personal training; kids' swimming lessons; Kindergarten; on-site childwatch. To schedule a tour: 510-848-9622. Details: www.bayymca.org.

Baby Care and Breastfeeding Series — Three consecutive weekday evenings, 6:30-9 p.m., Alta Bates Summit Medical Center. Cost: \$90 per couple. Call for location/registration: 510-204-1334.

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Fiddle

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"Her bowing is just awesome, with delicate control — but not too delicate," said Bonnie Rutherford, 15, of Oakland, a former camper who stayed on as an assistant teacher. "More than anything, she's into it for the music rather than the fame. That's what everybody should be in it for, but not everybody does."

In addition to Risk and White, Julian Smedley of Berkeley taught swing-jazz fiddle, Marcy Overway taught art, Evie Ladin taught traditional dance — including clogging, Irish step dancing, square dancing, contredanse and hombone — and Bobbi Shearn Nikles taught Celtic-style fiddle.

Nikles is also fiddlekids' founder.

"I started violin when I was 5, like a lot of kids in this camp," she said. "But by the time I was a teenager, I was looking for something else to do with my violin. But my classical teachers wouldn't utter a word about any other kind of music available."

She gave up violin for a while and took up guitar. Soon she was making the rounds of the local folk music scene in Berkeley.

Then one day she met White, who turned her on to her first fiddle tune: "Whiskey Before Breakfast."

"I said, 'Wow! This is great stuff!' And I started to play my violin again. But I started calling it a fiddle."

She began attending music camps but there was a draw-



AUSTIN CROSS, 8, concentrates on a tune during fiddlekids camp at Tehiyah Day School in El Cerrito last month.

back: They were for adults, and there was nothing for the kids to do while their parents were having fun. So Nikles decided to provide them with a camp of their own.

The first fiddlekids was held in 1998 at Prospect Sierra School. Twenty-seven children attended that first year, including Darcy Noonan of Albany, who was 9 at the time.

"You know how school is tedious, long and boring?" she said. "At fiddlekids, the classes were over before you knew it. But you still learned a lot of stuff."

"Oh my God, those kids loved

it!" said Nikles. "They loved it, their parents loved it, and their music teachers loved it because they came back from the summer better than they were before."

In 2001 fiddlekids moved to Tehiyah Day School, where it's been ever since.

"It's a happy little camp," said Nikles. "I have to say, it's very ambitious. We ask a lot of the kids, and they learn an incredible amount. It's pretty amazing what they can learn in a week."

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Term

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"We thought that new people would give you a change of ideas," Berndt said.

That same year, Leo Armstrong, who had served four terms on the council, ran unsuccessfully for a fifth.

Not everyone believes the agreement is still relevant in 2006.

"Personally, I don't feel the need for term limits in El Cerrito," said Lori Dair, a 12-year El Cerrito resident who is active in local development and environmental issues. "It's not as if dozens of people out there are yearning to run for the council. In fact, it's hard to attract good candidates. In my view, Janet is the most hard-working council member I've ever seen."

Abelson sits on two regional boards — the Contra Costa Transportation Committee and the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee — that she will be forced off if she does not remain on the council.

The two boards will have a

say over how tax money is doled out for traffic improvement projects near the Del Norte BART station and the Interstate 80 interchange at Central Avenue.

Abelson said the city has changed for the better since she took office in 1999, and wanted it to continue.

"I think the biggest change we've seen is (El Cerrito) Plaza," she said. "I think the change has been very good for our city. It's starting to bring a lot more people in. One of the ways you can tell is people are complaining about traffic. It's an indication that it's popular."

The city has seen new condominium and apartment complexes proposed or built on San Pablo Avenue; and the redevelopment agency is planning to spend millions on improving the look of the thoroughfare.

Over the next several years, the city and redevelopment agency also are planning to spend millions on building a new library, senior center and City Hall, the latter of which is scheduled to begin construction this fall.

Around the same time, the city is anticipating the reopening of the Cerrito Theater.

"I think we're really crossroads, and I'd like to go through that crossroads onto completion," Abelson said. "So when we look back five years from now, we can say San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito is a vital place, it's a place people want to go to. It's a destination."

Bartke said she had the thought in 1998, when El Cerrito Plaza was being readied for demolition and reconstruction. "You're supposed to move you're supposed to leave a for someone new to come with new ideas," she said. "That's what I did, and I was hard to get people on board commissions. And I got a lot of them to run (for council), that's what it's all about."

Dair questioned whether the debate resonated with people.

"I just don't see it," Dair said. "And I say, let the voters decide."

Abelson has served years on the council. She was elected in 1999, and re-elected in 2002.

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Police

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The resulting turmoil has troubled some residents in this affluent community of 5,000. The district board is seeing as many as 30 people attending its meetings, which in the past drew few, if any, members of the public.

It's also forced district board members to abandon their vacation plans. In the past, the board usually took the rest of the summer off after approving its budget.

"This year, I anticipate that we will probably be meeting in

August," Haxo said. "There's no regularly scheduled meeting, but I anticipate one or two or three or four special meetings."

It depends on what progress is made with coming to an agreement with Barry, what work the interim police chief does, and those are things I can't predict at this time."

Sgt. Ricky Hull has been the acting chief during Garfield's absence. If Garfield does not return to his post, Haxo said it could take between six and nine months to find a permanent chief.

"He's gotten a lawyer, and now we're trying to get our lawyers to talk to each other,"

Haxo said.

Haxo said the candidates for interim chief were referred to the district by the League of California Cities, a state advocacy and informational group.

Haxo and board Vice President Pat McLaughlin will negotiate a contract with the interim chief before bringing it to the board for approval. The board set aside \$100,000 in this year's budget for the interim chief, and it's expected to be a temporary position, McLaughlin said.

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Listings priced too high can block sale

How to tell if you're
pricing for too much

INMAN NEWS

March, a home seller in Oakland put his home on the market and listed it for \$925,000, which was above what his agent recommended. The house, a charming Mediterranean-style, was newly painted inside and out and was a decorator's perfect.

The listing was well received at agent and public open houses. At the end of the first week on the market, the listing agent hadn't received a single inquiry.

The listing was located in a desirable neighborhood. It showed well and it had a lovely setting. Furthermore, well-priced listings in the area were still selling quickly.

Although the listing was relatively high on the market, the listing agent recommended that the seller reduce the asking price to \$875,000. The seller agreed. Within the next week, showing activity picked up dramatically. Three offers were made, and the listing sold for over \$900,000.

In this case, it was easy to figure out that the listing was priced too high for the market. When listings are selling and yours are not, it's usually because of the price. A home seller in Rocklin put her house on the market at the beginning of April. During the first three weeks on the market, only one offer came to see the house. On the surface, it might appear that the house was too high. But, the seeming lack of interest might have been due to local market conditions.

Like the Oakland property that listed in a relatively low inventory market, Rocklin is a high in-

ventory market. This means there is more competition from other sellers. Buyers have more listings to choose from, so they can afford to be picky.

HOME SELLER TIP: To determine whether your home is priced right in a high inventory market requires a bit of investigation. First, make sure that your listing has been properly exposed to the market. Minimally, it should be on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS), on the Internet with a photo tour and it should be held open for local real estate agents.

Then find out how many homes like yours are on the market in your area. Ask your agent to call the listing agents who are handling your competitor's listings to find out if these homes are being shown and how frequently.

Have any of the listing like yours sold since you put your home on the market? In general, how long is it taking to sell homes like yours? Then take a good look at the price of your home in relationship to the competition.

If there haven't been any recent sales and listings are taking months to sell, you may need to adjust your expectations about how long it will take to sell your home. However, if other listings are selling, or are at least being actively shown, and your list price is higher than the others, lower your price.

The time to make a price adjustment is when you discover that the price is too high, even if it's soon after the property is listed. Staying on the market too long at a high price is risky. If the market softens further, you could end up having to make a bigger price adjustment later.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

The time to make a price adjustment is when you discover that it's too high, even if this is soon after the property is listed. Staying on the market too long at a high price is risky.

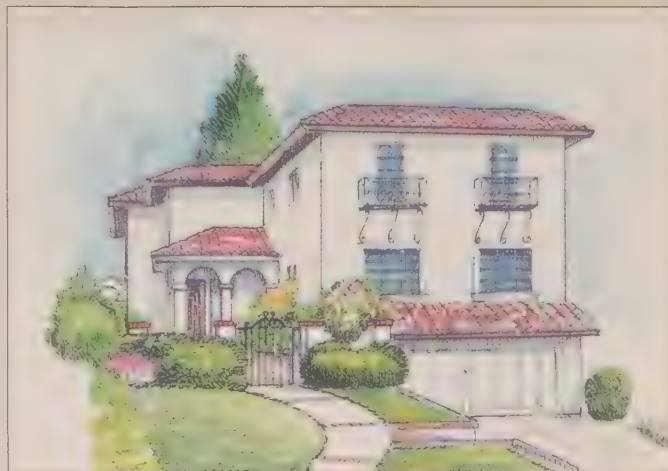
A minor price reduction is likely to result in a modest response. In order to make a positive impact, reduce your list price enough so that your list price is at or below the level of your competitors whose listings are being shown and sold.

THE CLOSING: If your home has an incurable defect, like a location on a busy street, you might need to make a bigger price concession. In a low inventory market, buyers will overlook such defects. In a high inventory market, they are less forgiving.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Stately traditional North Berkeley home



THIS BEAUTIFUL, STATELY AND TRADITIONAL HOME with Mediterranean accents at 40 Halkin Lane in North Berkeley is ideal for comfortable living or entertaining a crowd. The home is nicely situated on lovely grounds in the Berkeley hills. Panoramic views of San Francisco and the bay enhance several rooms and are visible from the park-like rear garden. One enters to a dramatic, two-story-high entry including a classic grand stairway. Off the entry is the large living room, featuring beamed ceilings and a marble and oak fireplace. The dining room is spacious and flows nicely to the well-appointed kitchen and garden. Where else can you wash your dishes while enjoying a San Francisco and Golden Gate view? Space abounds throughout, including a large family room with its own bath on the main floor (a potential second mastersuite) and five bedrooms on the upper level, including the current suite and additional baths. The rear, multi-level garden includes a patio and a perfect spot for a spa with a view of San Francisco Bay. If you'd like to have an outdoor kitchen for serious barbecuing, this is the spot. A rare find in the area, there is lots of room here, including opportunities for home office arrangements and the out-of-town visitor.

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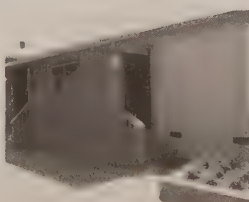
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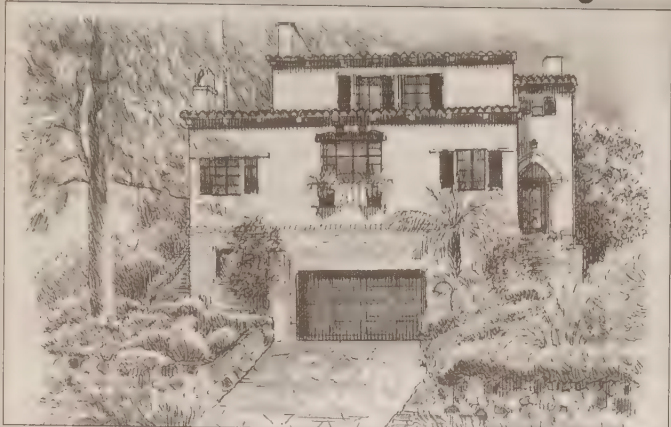
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Real Estate Focus:

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The 'Nest Egg Score'

■ Measuring the nation's wealth-building progress

When it comes to personal savings, we're not doing such a good job. As more and more people build up higher balances on their credit cards and take out loans to finance things they really can't afford, the level of savings in our country has dropped to record lows.

But despite all the negative news you've probably heard lately, there is a glimmer of hope in the facts and figures behind a new wealth-building performance measure from A.G. Edwards.

Recently, our firm conducted data analysis to get a better picture of how well U.S. households are doing at accumulating personal wealth. The results were compiled and tabulated to come up with the second quarterly release of what's known as the Nest Egg Score. According to the report, Americans are doing a "fair" job of building their nest eggs.

Similar in appearance to the familiar credit score, the Nest Egg Score is a three-digit numerical rating that represents a measure of the relative strength or weakness of our wealth-building performance as a country.

The score for June was 631, landing us at the upper end of the "fair" range, which runs from 550 to 649. The possible score ranges start with "poor" (450-549), and also include "good" (650-749) and "excellent" (750-850). As a point of reference, the inaugural score for March was 648.

The score measures a dozen statistical factors in all, each reflecting either saving and investing activities or the economic environment that affects the ability of U.S. households to build personal wealth. Compiled using nine government measures, the Score supplements that information with three additional questions from the firm's own proprietary survey.

So what can we learn from this score? Well, for starters, there are a few positive takeaways that should be encouraging to those who might want to use this as a reason to recommit to good savings habits. Over the past several years, many people have seen benefits from appreciation in both home values and the stock market.

In addition, a favorable job market has pushed the unemployment rate down to the lowest level since 2001. These factors have contributed positively to the current state of our cumulative personal wealth.

On the other hand, with the good there always comes some bad — as evidenced by the fact our overall score reflects only a "fair" rating. You've probably seen it broadcast on the news that the personal savings rate in our country is currently negative, meaning we're spending more than we make.

Rising inflation has also been a concern in recent months, and the survey also revealed a poor outlook on future savings prospects. Each of these factors has helped to drag our overall score down.



LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

While there's plenty of room for improvement, the results of the second survey are by no means a reason to fret that hope is lost. There are several things we can do to get on the right track with savings and help boost that. A few simple steps could produce positive results and help to reverse the negative trends that have so widely publicized lately.

One of the most important to remember is that it's never early — or too late, for that — to start saving. No matter what stage you're at in your life, it's now to begin a savings plan. It hasn't already. To go along with that goal, make a concerted effort to reduce your debt, especially that one of the things that has been holding you back from saving. While the "buy now, pay later" philosophy is tempting, this is one of the main problems that has contributed to our poor savings rate.

To help get you started on the road to savings, check out NestEggScore.com and fill out the Nest Egg Score Estimator, an online tool that can help you assess your own personal progress in building your nest egg.

Leila Gough is an Associate President with A. G. Edwards & Company, Inc. She can be reached at 510-452-8060.

Just how ready are you for the next 'Big One'?

BY LARRY GUILLOT
CORRESPONDENT

We all want the peace of mind which comes from being prepared for the major quake in our future. Here's a few question to ask yourself on how to get there.

What's under my bed? If a major quake hits while you're in bed, you'll be thanking yourself if you have:

■ A flashlight — your power will almost assuredly be out

■ A pair of shoes — many post-quake injuries are feet cut by walking on broken glass and mirrors

■ A crowbar — If your house has sustained damage, some doors may not open and will have to be pried open.

Will your home survive? Area governments say that 150,000 homes in the Bay Area are going to be uninhabitable after the Hayward Fault ruptures, the fault that USGS seismologist Tom Brocher says "it's locked and loaded and ready to fire."

A Red Cross survey found 80 percent of Bay Area homeowners

MONTHLY QUAKE TIPS

are not ready for the Big One. The Retrofitted houses are the ones that will survive.

My retrofit — How good is it?

Do you feel safer because your house has had a retrofit? Unfortunately, you may have a false sense of security: a highly respected east bay retrofitter says that fully 30 percent of his business is repairing retrofits that were incomplete or incorrectly done. But yours, you think, is different because the work was inspected? This doesn't mean much when you realize that no retrofit building code has been adopted by any city in the Bay Area.

Bottom line: get your retrofit inspected by a qualified contractor, engineer, or private inspection service (feel free to call me for recommendations: 510-558-3299).

Take a good look around. It's surprising how few of us have walked around our home to take note of which furniture is ready to

KEEPING UP ON RETROFITS

If you want to know more about retrofits and how they work, there is a free Earthquake Retrofitting and Home Safety Seminar next Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. until noon at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis at Ashby Avenue.

The seminar covers the three main elements of an effective retrofit, evaluating an existing retrofit, retrofitting hillside homes and will have community safety exhibits. It will cover the basics and make you knowledgeable about choosing a retrofit contractor.

To learn more, call 510-558-3299.

injure us in a serious quake. There's usually quite a bit of it, folks! I've done many consultations where the homeowners think that because a piece is heavy, like an armoire or a desk, for example, it won't fall. Or, they think that because something is on wheels, like a baby bed,

it will slide and not fall. Not true! Pieces like these are crying out for securing.

For the handy person, securing is no big deal. Just go to your friendly hardware store and find the earthquake hardware section. If you're not inclined this way, or just don't have the time, hire your own handyman or an earthquake safety service company.

This is not that expensive. Most importantly, in a big quake, most injuries are due to falling objects (not fire). Is it worth taking a chance that you or somebody you love could be badly hurt? And, try comparing the securing cost of \$150-\$350 to the expense of replacing all kinds of furniture, computers, and TVs, after the quake destroys them.

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■ Test the gas and water valves (slight movement to make sure they

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Topics which will be covered at the lead paint seminar include:

- Danger of lead paint in the home
- Identifying homes and buildings that may have lead paint
- Free project planning services
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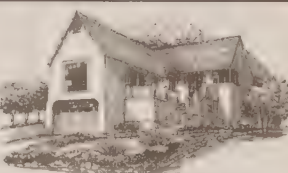
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Fun at the county fair

Number 515 in a series of true experiences in real estate. We went to Alameda County Fair this year. We like county fairs. This year we stayed in Monterey at the right time to attend the fair. Each has its points. Monterey had a petting zoo with all sorts of animals, even a camel. Anet could not get enough of the little animals. She bought many paper cones of food and they and she stayed in the enclosure blissfully petting and chirping to them for such a long time that I retired to a seat to pass the time reading a local newspaper. At the Alameda County Fair a year we went on a guided tour of the animals. It was ab-



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ly fascinating. We visited chickens, rabbits, cows and pigs. Our enthusiastic guide told us all sorts of things we'd never heard before. Rabbits with long ears (also some and some other animals) are common in warm climates where ear length was needed to aid in keeping them cool. Some rabbits have hardly any ears at all; tiny peaks. Those rabbits are in colder places. Cows and sheep sleep only about eight minutes a day. The

We saw a sow who had given birth to eight little piglets a few days before. We arrived at her enclosure just as she was about to feed them. She roughed up the wood shavings on the floor with her hoof, turned, scraped some more. When she was satisfied she lay down and made a grunting noise to call her babies.

shape and placement of their eyes allow them to see all around them. They keep their eyes open for predators.

In addition to meat, animals provide us with an astonishing number of by-products including animal hair for brushes (hairs from pigs' ears, not camel's) and replacement heart valves for humans (from pigs).

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Here's the amazing part. She flows her piglets to feed once an hour for 24 hours a day. But only for 30 seconds each time does she milk flow. When those little pigs hear their mother call, they jockey over, find their place and suck fast.

Barn Tours is the organization that provided our free tour. They have this all over the country at fairs; their idea being to encourage understanding and support of farms and ranches, agriculture in general. Our guide, an attractive and friendly woman who grew up on a cattle ranch in Hollister, California, now raises cattle on a ranch in northern Texas.

She told us that on her ranch they have a dog to watch over the herd but that many ranches these days use donkeys or llamas because both these animals are devoted "watch dogs" but can go long time without water.

We had hoped that there would be some 4-H horse activities to see. A few years ago we watched on 4-H girls barrel racing in an arena at the fair but haven't seen them since. This year we went early, before the main gates were open, intending to find someone in the know. After a good deal of walking and asking, we did talk to a 4-H member who told us that the annual horse show is separate from the fair and is held earlier in the year. We'll be to attend next spring. We always enjoy the commercial building where salad slicing machines and extra-absorbing sponges are hawked. In past years we have succumbed to carpet

Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

FOR THE PUBLIC

Julia Morgan

Looking for something to do with the kids this summer? Save on gas by sightseeing locally. Here's a suggestion for a visit that is interesting and educational. Learn about historical homes in Berkeley and those responsible for them by visiting The Berkeley Historical Society History

Center. From Julia Morgan's designs to the small cottages tucked here and there. The center is open Thursday through Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 510-484-0181 for information. Admission is free.

Inform

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. The meeting is 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, at the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The topic is an

update on the Alameda Unified School district. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings. For ticket information contact Dee Ostrosky-Williams at AAR at 510-523-7229.

Win A Lexus

The Oakland Association of Realtors supports the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation fund provides college scholarships for inner-city students. The Chair for 2006 Lola Harris of Prudential California Realty announced a raffle

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Heritage Area

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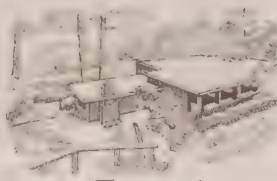
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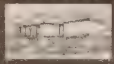


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Located in desirable Piedmont Pines this lovely home features 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath and sits up above the street with verdant canyon and hill views. Master Suite includes remodeled bath and separate area for office, etc. There's a family room and a second master suite downstairs that can easily be used as another family room with a storage area or wine cellar. There is a detached 2 car garage. Updated kitchen and baths, fresh paint, new carpets, roof and brand new decks make this home a BEST BUY and a great place to call home!

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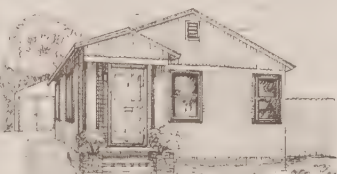
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AFFORDABLE ALBANY HOME

941 Jackson, Albany
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Take advantage of Albany schools with this stylish and sunny 2 bedroom, 1 bath Albany home. It features an updated bathroom & kitchen, designer paint colors, and freshly painted exterior. A spacious backyard is great for a BBQ and the garage has been converted to a studio with storage. And it's only 1/2 block to Solano Avenue.



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10 VANCELEAVE WAY, OAKLAND HILLS

Wonderful blend of style & comfort! Great single-level 3BD/2.5BA home. Spacious living room, charming kitchen & family room leading to beautifully landscaped yard. Many upgrades: hardwood floors, newer dual pane windows, roof, heating system & more! Conveniently & desirably located.

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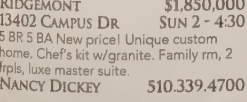
OPEN HOMES



BERKELEY \$2,850,000
1231 GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 4.5 BA Dramatic European design. Bay Views. Chef's kitchen. Sophisticated details. Near Tilden Park.
BARB ALLENDORF 510.486.1495



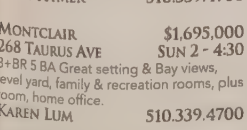
MONTCLAIR \$2,200,000
6839 ELVERTON DR SUN 2 - 4:30
5+BR 4.5 BA Gracious Medit built 2003 w/4000sf. Gourmet kit/family rm, 2 mstrs, hwd flr, 3 balconies, library.
PRESTON GRANT 510.339.4700



RIDGEMONT \$1,850,000
13402 CAMPUS DR SUN 2 - 4:30
5 BR 5 BA New price! Unique custom home. Chef's kit w/granite. Family rm, 2 frpls, lux master suite.
NANCY DICKEY 510.339.4700



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,750,000
1288 SUNNYHILLS RD SUN 2 - 4:30
4+BR 2.5 BA Tudor Revival near Piedmont border. Superb backyard & remodeled kitchen/family room.
DIAN HYMER 510.339.4700



MONTCLAIR \$1,695,000
268 TAURUS AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
3+BR 5 BA Great setting & Bay views, level yard, family & recreation rooms, plus room, home office.
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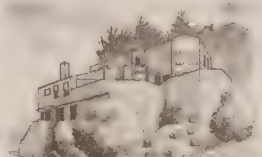


LAFAYETTE \$1,550,000
1178 UPPER HAPPY VALLEY RD SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
4+BR 2.5 BA Country Colonial home in beautiful garden setting. Close to shopping & transportation.
ELLEN LANCASTER & ROSE NIED 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR \$1,379,000
2110 ARROWHEAD DR SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA New construction w/all the goodies. Gourmet kit w/SS, granite Formal LR. DR. Master suite.
MICHAEL GALLAGHER 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR \$1,295,000
6995 ELVERTON SUN 2 - 5
4 BR 3 BA 1993 built. Open plan, soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchen, hwdwd, Bay views, luxury master
PETER NICOLOPOULOS 510.339.4700

LAFAYETTE \$1,050,000
686 LOS PALOS DR SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Burton Valley rancher, pool, level lot, fam rm, move-in + potential.
RITA ZWERDLING 510.981.3008



MONTCLAIR \$954,500
6566 CHELTON DR SUN 1 - 5
4 BR 3.5 BA Private setting w/expansive outlook! Sun drenched family rm & fabulous upgrades. Must see!
DONNA CONROY 510.339.4700

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$950,000
5668 BUENA VISTA AVE SAT/SUN 2 - 5
3+BR 2.5 BA Beautiful gourmet kitchen, plantation shutters, Golden Gate view & Italian tile floors.
TERRY KULKA & JULIE JOYCE 510.339.4700

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$948,000
2916 MORGAN AVE SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 3 BA Amazing high-end custom jewel! Views. Great style property. Fam rm, detached studio, garden.
RACHEL BALLER 510.339.4700

CASTRO \$899,000
544 NOE ST SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1 BA Sophisticated condo with oak floors, remodeled, garden, upgrades, view, storage & parking!
KARA THACKER 510.339.4700

PIEDMONT \$849,000
6 CAVENDISH LN SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Contemporary. Lg deck w/ view of beautiful old oak trees. Wood flrs, family rm, master suite.
VICKY FAULK & CATHY TRUELOVE 510.339.4700

OAKLAND HILLS \$839,000
4455 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Newer const. Level yard, Bay views, gourmet kitchen w/granite, SS appliances, lavish master suite.
DAVID ECKERT 510.339.4700



LEONA HEIGHTS \$799,000
4500 MOUNTAIN VIEW SAT/SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Rare oppty to own lv home on 1/2 acre w/Bay views! Ext remodeled, beaut flr pln, excl outdr
TIFFANY STECHSCHULTE 510.339.4700

EL SOBRANTE \$769,000
895 BRIDGEWAY CIR SUN 1:30 - 4
4 BR 3 BA Beautiful, vineyard and Calif native plants, frplc, tile, w/w carpet, 2 decks w/views.
LORI JENSEN 510.486.1495

WALNUT CREEK \$759,000
1928 PIPER RIDGE CT SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Settle into this large & sunny hm w/high ceilings & skylits. Don't miss office + sitting rm
GEORGE KARSANT 510.339.4700

ESTUDILLO ESTATES \$749,000
561 JOAQUIN SAT/SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Charming Craftsman. LR w/ frplc. Lg private yard w/play structure Hwd flrs, convenient location.
KARYN SELBY MILLER 510.339.4700



OAKLAND \$739,000
10 VANCELEAVE WAY SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2.5 BA Style & comfort! Great flr pln, lg LR, family rm, lovely yard. Upgrades, desirably located.
TANIA BALAZS-GVISHI 510.981.3048

RICHMOND \$750,000
3 HARBORVIEW DR SUN 1:30 - 4
3 BR 2.5 BA Bay views, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, tile entry, Hunter Douglas shutters throughout.
GREGG LUSTIG 510.981.3045

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$715,000
4020 NORTON AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
3+BR 2.5 BA Great Bay, city & bridge views w/upgraded kitchen & level garden, dining room, hardwood flrs.
MARLENA S. LYONS 510.339.4700

LAUREL \$699,000
4032 & 4032 1/2 MIDVALE SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2.5 BA 2 houses on 1 lot! Big views Garden, deck. Beautiful. 2+BD/1+BA & 1 BD/1 BA
RACHEL BALLER 510.339.4700

MONTCLAIR \$699,000
2323 MASTLANDS SUN 2 - 4:30
3+BR 3.5 BA Nice San Francisco Bay views. Gleaming hardwood floors, many tasteful updates
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BERKELEY \$695,000
1809 STUART ST SUN 2 - 5
3+BR 2 BA Beautifully remodeled home. Grove Park neighborhood. Finished attic, gorgeous garden w/patio
KIM & BARBARA MARIENTHAL 510.486.1495

BERKELEY \$659,000
1639 10TH ST SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Immaculate, remodeled home hardwood floors, large lot, 2-car detached garage
CATHERINE VARNAU 510.486.1495

KENSINGTON \$625,000
317 COLUSA AVE SUN 2 - 4
3+BR 2 BA View home near shops. 16x20 rec room, Kensington schools. Just listed!
HOLLY ROSE 510.981.3007

FRUITVALE \$599,000
3015 HYDE ST SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Chic & contemporary. Recently updated. Hwd flrs, extra storage, bonus room, 2-car garage.
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LEONA HEIGHTS \$565,999
4221 KNOLL AVE SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA American Dream starter home Move-in condition. Enjoyable upgrades. Offers 6/28.
JAMES BROWN 510.339.4700



OAKLAND \$545,000
4546 VIRGINIA AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Light-filled Mediterranean, huge yard, bonus bath, dual pane windows & French doors.
LAURA ARECHIGA 510.486.1495

LAUREL \$529,000
2894 DELAWARE ST SUN 2 - 4:30
2+BR 1+BA 3 plus rooms, laundry, 2nd bath, hardwood floors, attached garage, deck, level backyard.
JULIE JOYCE 510.339.4700

OAKLAND \$499,900
655 12TH ST, #110 SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
1 BR 2 BA New price! Stylish 2-story loft w/soaring 22ft ceilings. Upgraded appl, large patio w/garden view
KARA THACKER 510.339.4700

OAKLAND \$499,000
8367 GOLF LINKS RD SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 1 BA Serene, private, updated Great outdoor spaces, bright kitchen, beautiful setting, convenient location
KARYN SELBY MILLER 510.339.4700

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$499,000
255 3RD ST, UNIT 202 SUN 2 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA Dramatic loft w/private deck Spacious & light corner unit, near BART, Ferry, Farmers Mkt & more
BONNIE ROSS 510.339.4700

LAUREL \$475,000
2968 MORGAN AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
1+BR 1+BA Charming cottage in desirable Upper Laurel w/hwd flrs, extra room w/closet + sunny yard
DARCY DIAMANTINE 510.339.4700

LAKE MERRITT \$398,888
322 HANOVER AVE, #107 SUN 2 - 5
2 BR 2 BA Desirable lake location & great price! 1st flr unit inc: W/D, frplc, balcony, parking, more!
DONNA CONROY 510.339.4700

MILLSMONT \$349,000
6845 OUTLOOK AVE SUN 2 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA Contractor's special! One bedroom probate fixer cottage, needs cosmetics & \$45K pest work
VICKY FAULK 510.339.4700

OAKLAND \$295,000
150 PEARL ST, UNIT 204 SUN 2 - 4
1 BR 1 BA FAB Adams Point! Remod w/ natural elements/light in mind flr pln, photos. www.IMakeYourMove.com.
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OAKLAND \$519,000
466 CRESCENT ST, UNIT 315
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Don't miss this large 4 bedroom, 2 bath split-level home built in 1929 with over 2000 sf of living space. Located in the N & E area, this beauty has been lovingly maintained and has many upgrades, including a remodeled bath, new windows, a new and expanded electrical system, new water heater, furnace & stove. Enjoy a cozy TV room/kids play area, lots of storage, a lovely backyard, a garden/storage shed, and a fabulous workshop. It's a must see! LISTED AT \$599,000

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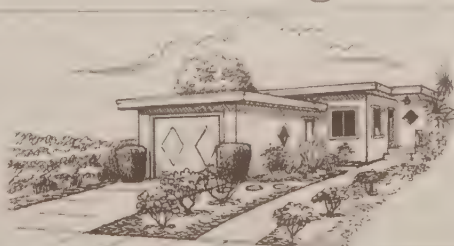
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5814 FRESNO AVENUE, RICHMOND ANNEX

Absolutely pristine home in the heart of the Annex. Hardwood floors, stylish paint colors & charming features including wood-beamed ceilings and arched doorways. Beautiful, mature gardens with roses galore. LISTED AT \$439,000

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1416 Devonshire Drive

El Cerrito - Pending

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1511 Virginia Street

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If you have been searching for a Condo home that has retained all the wonderful architectural detailing of the Traditional Oakland Flats, yet has updated spaces, then this home is worth a visit. These Condo Homes have just completed a full renovation. Both of these Condos features 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom. Featuring hardwood floors, a spacious remodeled kitchen, formal living and dining rooms, a remodeled bathroom, office nook, secure parking, updated systems, and a clear termite inspection, your new condo is in move-in condition.

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1136 FRANCISCO ST. BERKELEY

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You will feel right at home in this terrific 2 bedroom, 1 bath Berkeley Bungalow. Enjoy the large kitchen with Mexican tile floors, tons of cabinets, built-in desk & media center in the sunny bonus space with French doors opening to the deck & yard. Perfect for barbecues and entertaining. Generous fenced lot with planting beds and a lawn for croquet! New foundation, newly painted inside & out with refinished hardwood floors. A great neighborhood - close to N. Berkeley BART, 4th Street shops & restaurants, Cafe Fanny. A commuter's dream! LISTED AT \$589,000

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5422-28 VAN FLEET AVENUE, RICHMOND

Well maintained 4-Plex - 2/1 updated units, communal laundry, parking and storage. Convenient location, near EC Plaza. LISTED AT \$849,000

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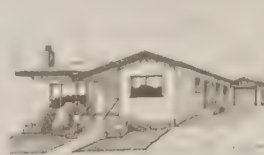
BERKELEY - NEW! \$589,000
2/1 - Great bungalow. Big backyard with lawn, planting beds & deck. Fabulous kitchen. Media center. Near 4th Street shops. 1136 Francisco Street Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY - NEW! \$1,049,000
3/3 - Views! Views! Views! French doors to deck. Master suite opens to terraced landscaped garden. Plus 1bd/1ba legal unit with views. 314 Panoramic Way Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$795,000
3+2 - North Berkeley house with vintage features. Living room with fireplace & Bay view, attached garage with interior access, large deck 2125 Marin Avenue Sun 2-4:30



EL CERRITO \$635,000
3/2 - Bay view, refurbished, move in condition. Clear pest, fabulous level yard. Surprise hide-away shed in back. www.bobblumberg.com 7435 Sea View Place Open 2-5



BERKELEY \$985,000
3/1.5 - Tudor jewel with lush country yard & Bay view. Living room with cathedral ceilings. Hot tub. www.justsellmyhouse.com 763 Cragmont Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$825,000
3/2 - Expanded Mediterranean style home near Monterey Market. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, large backyard, master suite 1273 Monterey Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$550,000
1+2 - Charming & versatile TIC home nestled in North Berkeley hills. Lower studio with views in a storybook setting. Quiet tree-lined cul-de-sac 1722 La Vereda Road Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$599,000
2/1.5 - Well maintained. Fabulous Bay view. Family room with deck can convert to 3rd bedroom. Oversized lot. www.bobblumberg.com 5825 Charles Avenue Open 2-5



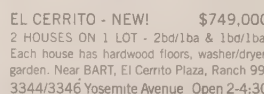
BERKELEY \$739,000
3/2 - Remodeled upper floor condo. Light-filled & spacious. Updated with beautiful finishes, fireplace, skylights, loft. 2230 6th Street Open 2-4:30



ALBANY - NEW! \$459,000
2/2 - Bay view condo with many upgrades. Prime location. Near Pacific East Mall, El Cerrito Plaza, freeway entrance. 555 Pierce Street #605 Open 2-4



GILROY \$459,000
2/2 - Totally remodeled townhome with new floors, granite counters, designer paint, inside laundry, attached garage. www.katieandmark.com 8550 Wren Avenue #2A Open 2-5



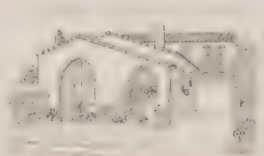
EL CERRITO - NEW! \$749,000
2 HOUSES ON 1 LOT - 2bd/1ba & 1bd/1ba. Each house has hardwood floors, washer/dryer, garden. Near BART, El Cerrito Plaza, Ranch 99 3344/3346 Yosemite Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND \$619,000
3/2 - 1914 Craftsman with flair! Original charm with fresh update. Warm designer colors, hardwood floors. www.justsellmyhouse.com 681 58th Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$535,000
3/1 - Elegant home. Warm paint colors, hardwood floors throughout, fireplace. Kitchen granite countertop, laundry room, garage. 3521 California Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$525,000
3/1.5 - Gorgeous Fruitvale home on cul-de-sac. Excellent condition. Hardwood floors, private backyard. Near New Farmer Joe's 3056 Blossom Street Sat & Sun 2-4



KENSINGTON - NEW! \$1,199,000
TRIPLEX - Rare triplex with views. Owner's unit 2bd/2ba, two 1bd/1ba. Short distance to Kensington Village & shops. 57 Edgemoor Road Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW! \$749,000
LOT - Four bridge view lot (12,300 sq.ft.) in area of \$2M-\$3M homes. Cul-de-sac. Oakland taxes, Berkeley mailing address. 0 West View Drive



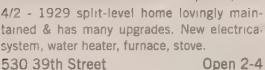
OAKLAND \$899,000
4/2 - Luxury of a grand old estate. Stunning woodwork & architectural details. Over 2,600 sq.ft. living space. Sun porch. 373 Warwick Avenue Open 2-4



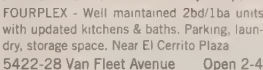
OAKLAND \$699,000
3/2.5 - Beautiful Montclair home. New bamboo floors & new carpet upstairs, updated kitchen. www.6670sobrante.com 6670 Sobrante Road Open 2-4:30



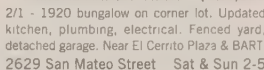
SANTA ROSA - NEW! \$559,000
2+2.5 - Townhouse with cathedral ceilings, skylights, updated kitchen, master suite, bonus room, 2-car garage, great views. 2091 Stonefield Lane Open 2-4



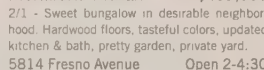
RICHMOND N&E - NEW! \$599,000
4/2 - 1929 split-level home lovingly maintained & has many upgrades. New electrical system, water heater, furnace, stove. 530 39th Street Open 2-4



RICHMOND - NEW! \$849,000
FOURPLEX - Well maintained 2bd/1ba units with updated kitchens & baths. Parking, laundry, storage space. Near El Cerrito Plaza 5422-28 Van Fleet Avenue Open 2-4



RICHMOND ANNEX - NEW! \$524,000
2/1 - 1920 bungalow on corner lot. Updated kitchen, plumbing, electrical. Fenced yard, detached garage. Near El Cerrito Plaza & BART 2629 San Mateo Street Sat & Sun 2-5



RICHMOND ANNEX \$439,000
2/1 - Sweet bungalow in desirable neighborhood. Hardwood floors, tasteful colors, updated kitchen & bath, pretty garden, private yard. 5814 Fresno Avenue Open 2-4:30



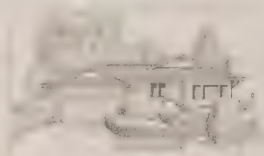
RICHMOND \$685,000
4/3 - Impeccably maintained! Bolivian rosewood floor in living room, high ceiling, lush garden / play area, new carpet throughout, 2-car garage. 5016 Buckboard Way Open 2-4



RICHMOND \$699,000
3/2.5 - Single family home in beautiful Breakers community. Upgraded kitchen with granite & top of the line appliances. 70 Southwind Circle Open 1-4



RICHMOND \$480,000
3/2.5 - Light and bright house with lots of outdoor space. Remodeled kitchen, new floors, new heater, 2-car garage. www.katieandmark.com 2542 Treasures Way Open 2-4



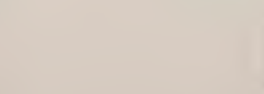
RICHMOND - NEW! \$499,000
3/2 - Spacious starter on cul-de-sac in great neighborhood. Fireplace, large garage, private yard with roses & mature trees. 4759 Westwood Court Open 2-4:30



RICHMOND \$540,000
3/2.5 - Cape Cod townhome. New hardwood floors, big yard, designer finishes. Close to park, marina & trails. www.katieandmark.com 213 Commodore Drive Open 2-5



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ALAMEDA \$580,000
3/1.5 - Charming, sunny home in a quiet tree-lined neighborhood. Hardwood floors, front and backyard.



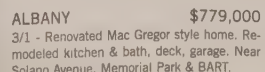
BERKELEY \$629,000
2/1 - Updated Craftsman. Formal dining room with built-ins, remodeled kitchen & bath, designer colors throughout, full basement, garage.



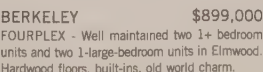
OAKLAND \$1,199,000
3/3 - Fantastic 2,400 sq.ft. complete remodel with high-end finishing touches in 2004. www.charliecookproperties.com



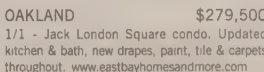
RICHMOND ANNEX \$525,000
2/1 - Farmhouse-style home with office & plus spaces. Hardwood floors, fireplace, some views. www.pamela-manning.com



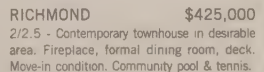
ALBANY \$779,000
3/1 - Renovated Mac Gregor style home. Remodeled kitchen & bath, deck, garage. Near Solano Avenue, Memorial Park & BART.



BERKELEY \$899,000
FOURPLEX - Well maintained two 1+ bedroom units and two 1-large-bedroom units in Elmwood. Hardwood floors, built-ins, old world charm.



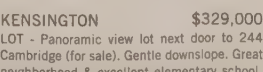
OAKLAND \$279,500
1/1 - Jack London Square condo. Updated kitchen & bath, new drapes, paint, tile & carpets throughout. www.eastbayhomesandmore.com



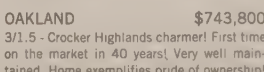
RICHMOND \$425,000
2/2.5 - Contemporary townhouse in desirable area. Fireplace, formal dining room, deck. Move-in condition. Community pool & tennis.



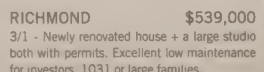
BERKELEY \$579,000
COMMERCIAL CONDO - Fully remodeled. Custom cabinets, granite counters, washer/dryer in unit, stainless steel appliances.



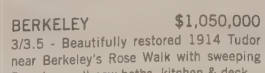
KENSINGTON \$329,000
LOT - Panoramic view lot next door to 244 Cambridge (for sale). Gentle downslope. Great neighborhood & excellent elementary school.



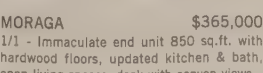
OAKLAND \$743,800
3/1.5 - Crocker Highlands charmer! First time on the market in 40 years! Very well maintained. Home exemplifies pride of ownership!



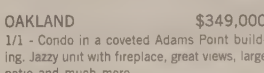
RICHMOND \$539,000
3/1 - Newly renovated house + a large studio both with permits. Excellent low maintenance for investors, 1031 or large families.



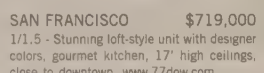
BERKELEY \$1,050,000
3/3.5 - Beautifully restored 1914 Tudor near Berkeley's Rose Walk with sweeping Bay views, all new baths, kitchen & deck.



MORAGA \$365,000
1/1 - Immaculate end unit 850 sq.ft. with hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, open living spaces, deck with canyon views.



OAKLAND \$349,000
1/1 - Condo in a coveted Adams Point building. Jazzy unit with fireplace, great views, large patio and much more.



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cleaner and car wax that it turned out not to be great shakes. But we've also bought all-purpose cleaner that is excellent and we love our Rada stainless steel knives.

This year we stopped for the first time at a booth selling garden shears. A pile of twigs of different thicknesses was supplied for testing the pruners and lopping shears. Anet was especially interested, probably because she loves tools.

What's different about these tools, called Florian tools, is that they are ratcheted. That is, pressure is applied one small step at a time with the built-in ratchets. You don't have to have any strength at all. You place the blades around a limb and squeeze three, four or five times (depending on thickness) and almost magically, the cut is made; a cut that is always clean and smooth.


We saw and we believed. We bought hand "snappers" as I've always called the smaller pruners, also longer handled shears and a pruning saw. When we got home we went directly to an orange tree in the garden, one that I've been meaning to cut back for a long time.

The tools worked so well, so easily, that I think we'll be ordering more for gifts on-line. And we might try the Marin County Fair this week. We've never been to that one.

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EL CERRITO
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7304 Pebble Beach Dr. 5BR/5BA. Nr 5,000 living sq. ft., pool, next to Mira Vista golf.
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EL CERRITO
Sunday 1-4 **\$699,950**
1905 Tapscott. Beautiful updated 3+BR Bay view. Open beam ceilings, HWF 2 FP, big lot.
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OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 **\$795,000**
5756 Claremont. Beautiful. 3BR/2+BA, garden, garage, close to BART + college.
Lillie Brady (510) 644-5262



OAKLAND
Sunday **\$369,900**
2268 39th Ave. Sweet Craftsman, original built-ins, HWF, fabulous yard.
Deirdre Joyner (510) 845-0211

PIEDMONT
Sunday 2-4:30 **\$3,500,000**
55 Cambrian Avenue. Circa 1929, 6BR/5BA Mediterranean estate, sited on 21,000 sq. ft. of lushly landscaped gardens in Piedmont.
George Milliron (510) 339-9290
Sunday 3-5 **\$825,000**
220 Howard. Classic Piedmont Prairie Craftsman. 2BR/1BA Near Beach Sch.
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OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 **\$690,000**
7749 Sunkist. Luxurious 5BR/3BA w/panoramic SF and Bay views.
Mary Dresser.com (510) 339-9290
Sunday 2-4 **\$599,000**
1639 11th Ave. Single fam home converted to duplex. 2BR/1BA + 1BR/1BA, near Lake Merritt.
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Sunday 2-4 **\$535,000**
6211 Telegraph Ave. #25. 3BR/2BA condo close to transportation + UC Berkeley.
Maury M. McFadden (415) 518-1476
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953 70th Ave. Cute 1925 home. 3BR/2BA.
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3BR/2.5BA, LR w/fireplace. Fantastic Bay view. Fenced backyard.
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660 Westline Drive. Tastefully remodeled 3BR/3BA home in Alameda.
Leah Tonger (510) 339-9290
Sunday 2-4:30 **\$535,000**
1152 Admiralty Ln. 3BR/1.5BA townhouse. Great location.
Greg Garrett (510) 868-1523

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Sunday 2-5 **\$3,000,000**
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Sunday 2-5 **\$925,000**
3823 Balfour Ave. 1919 Crocker Highlands beauty. 3+BR/2.5BA, yard.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **\$918,000**
7602 Surrey Lane. 2 story 4BR/3BA contemporary w/level out patio.
Myrtice Wong (510) 339-9290
Sunday 1-5 **\$899,000**
6858 Aiken Drive. Dramatic Tom Love 3BR/2.5BA Contemporary in Montclair.
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Sunday 2-4:30 **\$895,000**
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Sat & Sun 1-5 **\$839,000**
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Susan Lambert (510) 339-9290
Sunday 2-5 **\$739,000**
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Sunday 2-5 **\$775,000**
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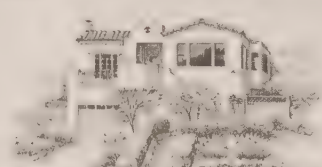
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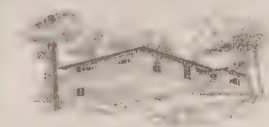
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historian, 7 p.m., Thursday, July 27. The presentation coincides with the reprint of Minor's "Leonardville Heritage Area." Call 510-748-0796.

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Nightingales. Nurses are there for our communities when needed. Frequently they cannot afford to buy a home. A seminar, "First Homes For Nurses" is 1 p.m., Saturday July 29. Special programs are offered to help qualify for down payment and closing cost assistance. Call the Hotline 888-681-7771 ext. 707.

Paint Danger. "Lead Paint Dangers In The Home" is an informational seminar presented by Harbor Bay Realty Property Management, at the Harbor Bay Community Center, 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 11. Does your home have lead paint? Who pays for lead hazard repairs? Hear these topics and more from the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Call 510-814-4801 for a reservation.

Reverses. Attention Seniors: You might not have to ever sell your home. Your equity may be your most important investment. Attend a reverse mortgage seminar, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 15, in Pinole. The event is hosted by Bay Brokers Realtors. The presentation features area specialists from Financial Freedom Senior Funding. Reservations are a must at 510-724-7653.

Cyber Chats. Do you like to shop online? The Internet is a growing real estate marketplace. If you would like to learn the ins and outs of buying and selling, join in on the monthly Q & A session with the Real Estate Consulting Center. Register for the July 31 meeting at realestateconsultingcenter.com.

Retro-quake. Is your home safe? Attend a free seminar on Earthquake Retrofitting & Home Safety, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 15, at the South Berkeley Senior Center. Hear guest speaker FEMA Earthquake Damage Inspector **Howard Cook**. Cook will also do a question and answer session. Bay Area Retrofit and Our Land Realty & Funding sponsors the event. Call 510-883-1321 ext. 113 or 510-558-3299.

For Sale. As a buyer, seller or investor would you like to learn more about the process for the sale of a home? Attend the "Home Buying Secrets" seminar. Participants will be pre-approved. This free class is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, July 22, at the San Felipe Community Center. Call 510-881-0736 for reservations.

SUPERSTAR

The 2006 Superstar Retreat is July 17 to 21, in Palm Desert. Internationally known sales coach **Mike Ferry** will lead this real estate sales training event. The step-by-step system teaches how to increase listings and sales. Learn to develop and maintain a Superstar's mind set and habits. Register today at www.MikeFerry.com.

AFFORDABLE

The Oakland Association of Realtors presents "Improving Housing Affordability with CalHFA." The speaker is Marketing Specialist-CalHFA Eric Johnson. Hear an eligibility overview and learn how to improve housing affordability. The informational event is 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, July 14, at the Oakland Association of Realtors, on Webster Street in Oakland. This is a free to members offering. RSVP at OAR.org.

EARLY BIRD

Here's a client gift idea. Choose an Earthquake Preparedness Kit from local company, Early Bird Safety. Free delivery is offered to Oakland and Berkeley real estate offices. Order information is at www.earlybirdsafety.com.

e-PRO

The National Association of Realtors offers e-PRO, a real estate industry technology certification program for real estate professionals. The course is presented entirely online and certifies real estate agents and brokers as Internet Professionals. If you are interested in learning more visit eProNAR.com.

BOBBIE HEARS

■ Just back from our nation's capital is **Kim Cleghorn** the managing Broker of RE/Max Executive Oakland/Berkeley. In her capacity as the 2006 Oakland Association of Realtors president she traveled to Washington D.C. for the NAR mid-year meetings. She commented that her visit to the American Indian Museum was the highlight of her trip. Kim is available at 510-304-4875.

■ Independence Day found members of the Alameda Association of Realtors high-stepping to patriotic tunes. The group joined other island citizens to make the Alameda Fourth of July parade a spectacular event. AAR also marched to show support for the fundraising needs of the "Give Cole A Chance" campaign. Learn more alamedaar.org.

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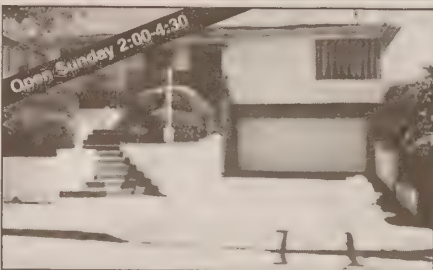
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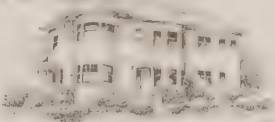
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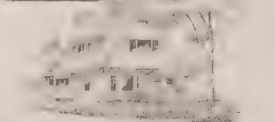
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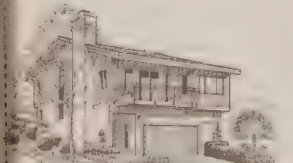
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KIMBERLEY COURT \$835,000
Montclair. Stunning bay-city-bridges views. Level front yard. 3BD/2BA with family room or master bedroom suite. Hardwood floors, double windows. Quiet cul-de-sac. Very tranquil.
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24 HARVARD \$799,000
Alameda. New Listing! Heart of Fernside split-level Rancher. Very spacious 3BD/2.5BA with 40-in kitchen, family room, newly finished hardwood floors throughout. New paint, clear windows. Best schools.
Mary Neuberger 531-7000 x251



42 HILLER DRIVE \$699,000
Hillier Highlands. Chic, sophisticated 3BD/2.5BA townhome. End unit, hills view. Dramatic cathedral ceilings, romantic master suite. Two fireplaces. New carpet and paint. Air conditioned.
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22 SARONI DRIVE \$679,000
Montclair. Montclair Fixer! Large 3BD plus den. BA home needs help. Pretty creekside setting with mature trees. Engineer's inspection and (now) pest report available.
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

32 MONTICELLO \$559,000
Maxwell Park. Light-filled 3BD/1BA with original charm and upgrades! Refinished hardwood floors, living and dining room with built-in cabinets, tastefully remodeled kitchen and master bedroom with French doors leading to large Redwood yard with hot tub.
Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228



8674 SENECA STREET \$660,000
Oakland. This 3BD/1.5BA home, with living room, updated kitchen, finished basement with bar, potential for a fourth bedroom, and hardwood floors is a must see. In a quiet neighborhood, this is a wonderful home!
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4751 FAIR \$639,000
Redwood Heights. New Listing! Wonderful renovation. Nearly everything new. 2BD/1BA, living room, dining room and family room combination. Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors throughout, new bath, deck to level yard, one car garage and basement.
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3933 LAGUNA AVENUE \$579,000
Dimond. This charming Arts and Crafts Bungalow is one of Dimonds Jewels. Featuring 3BD/1.25BA, formal dining room and living room with hardwood floors and bay windows. Fireplace, garden, patio off street parking. Near new Farmer Joes Market, shopping, banks, restaurants, and transportation.
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Elisa Uribe 531-7000 x272

455 CRESCENT STREET \$282,000
Grand Avenue. Wonderful 1BD/1BA condo in Grand Avenue/Lakeshore area. Tastefully updated kitchen and bathroom. Enjoy lots of room and beautiful colors. Minutes from Lake Merritt and very close to shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. Great public transportation and easy access to 580 freeway. Must see!
Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292

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ORIGINAL BEAUTY WITH MODERN IN-LAW \$849,000
Rockridge. Classic Mediterranean with mahogany trim, hammered copper door knobs. Use as a 3BD/3BA or two bedroom with legal in-law. Bay views.
Stan Hammond 531-7000 x246



SUNNY BUNGALOW IN LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$599,500
Lincoln Heights. 3BD and a den, plus 2BA, a large eat-in kitchen, level yard with fruit trees and vegetable garden, back porch and detached garage with workshop combine to make this a wonderful home. There is a peak of the Bay from the upstairs master suite.
Chris Christensen 531-7000 x242

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GORGEOUS TUDOR IN MAXWELL PARK \$539,000
Maxwell Park. Gracious 2BD/1BA home with elegant living room and formal dining room. The sunny breakfast nook has beautiful hill and south bay views. Attached garage and large storage/workshop room.
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INCOME FOR SALE

300 JAYNE \$885,000
Adams Point. 4 Units. 3 Units vacant and ready for owner occupant or investor. Easy layout for conversion to house. Reports available. This property has charm, character and location.
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VICTORIAN FOUR PLEX \$825,000
Oakland. Queen Anne Victorian four blocks from Jack London Sq. Great alternative to stuffy live/work loft in huge building. This has privacy and great locale.
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NEW CHINA TOWN DUPLEX \$499,000
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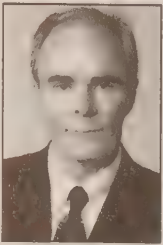
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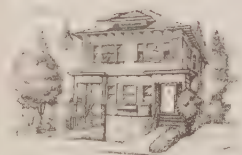


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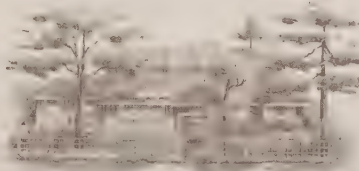
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Piedmont Pines \$875,000

2+BR/3BA. Peaceful, green, bay & cities views from almost every window in this beautifully designed home. Two master suites, office + den/guest room. Dream kitchen for congenial living with 4 skylights, up-to-date appliances. Throughout enjoy details of slate, oak & brushed stainless steel. One-step-in from 2 car garage.

2473 Chelsea Dr.
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3+BR/3BA. New listing! Breathtaking SF/GG unobstructed views from this level-in Hiller townhouse. Lovely garden patio off large eat-in kitchen. 1st bedroom on main level. Master bedroom suite with views & spa tub. Loft with pull-down ladder.
1880 Grand View Dr.
Open Sun 2-4:30
Gayle Tantau



Montclair \$899,000

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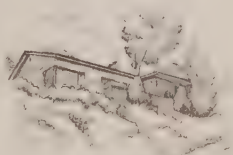
3BR/1.5BA. Delightful home open floor plan, hardwood floors, large windows, fireplace, front yard w/view of hills, front yard deck w/landscaping, kitchen, garage & roof is 2 yds. Call for showing.
7033 Thornhill
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Oakland \$885,000

Open

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Redwood Heights \$829,000

Open

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6233 Oakdale
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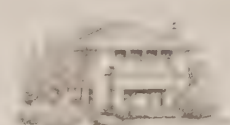
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325 HAMPTON ROAD \$1,950,000
Ideally located this handsome 3+BR/3+BA traditional offers one level living & easy access to a fabulous garden. Spacious formal rooms, family room w/fireplace & aupair. Katherine Cooper



160 ESTATES DRIVE \$1,850,000
Stately Tudor in upper Piedmont with lovely hardwood floors, big windows and four large bedrooms up. Library & fifth BR on the main. Large secluded garden with pond. Linda McClain



336 OLIVE AVENUE \$1,140,000
Spacious Craftsman w/vintage charm and room for everyone. Spacious living & formal dining rooms. Eat-in kitchen. 3+BR/2BA. Rumpus room. Garden. Near parks & schools. Carol Brown



334 WILDWOOD AVE. \$1,850,000
Elegant Miller Warnecke Mediterranean with lovely architectural details. 4BR/3+BA, media room and library. Gracious front courtyard and beautiful rear garden. Near schools. Elizabeth Dickson



42 CALVERT COURT \$1,195,000
Fabulous contemporary set in the trees, 3+BR/2+BA, family room, level out to a lovely garden and patio, gleaming hardwood floors, updated kitchen and baths plus a family room. Sandra Vogl



206 LINDA AVENUE \$1,080,000
Charming Piedmont Craftsman with spacious public rooms, level rear patio & garden. Conveniently located just steps to Piedmont Ave. & Beach Elementary School. Mavis Delacroix

OAKLAND - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



5242 MASONIC AVE. \$1,575,000
An exceptionally warm & inviting traditional 3BR/2BA on a large corner lot. Enjoy the stunning new kitchen & spacious family room. Master bedroom w/Bay views. Anian Pettit Tunney



1061 HUBERT ROAD \$1,035,000
New Price! Enjoy the friendly neighborhood surrounding this charming English home, pretty formal rooms, paneled family room, office, updated kitchen & inviting gardens. Mindy Scott



4658 EDGEWOOD AVENUE \$795,000
Crisp & light traditional on a charming, quiet street. Stunning new kitchen opens to a magical, private garden filled with flowers and easy access for summer bar-b-ques. Matt Heafey



970 ALVARADO ROAD \$1,465,000
Architect designed contemporary Craftsman. Sophisticated, light & inviting spaces. 3BR/3BA or 2BR/2BA w/1BR/1BA apartment. Bay views. Appealing casual elegance. Tricia Swift



1057 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD \$849,000
A 3BR/2BA Mediterranean rich in architectural details. Manicured lawns plus an English garden off the master suite. Great location, in the heart of Crocker Highlands. Julie Gardner



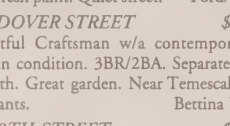
6614-16 DEAKIN STREET \$699,000
Gorgeous recently renovated duplex on Rockridge border. Spacious 2BR/1BA & 1BR/1BA flats are vacant & ready for tenants or you! Updated kitchens/baths, fresh paint. Quiet street. Ford/Plowright



28 RYDAL COURT \$1,295,000
Montclair contemporary Craftsman. A wonderful gem at the end of a cul-de-sac in a park-like setting. 4BR + kitchen/family room. Debbi DiMaggio



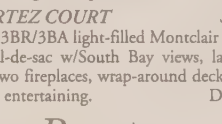
5360 ESTATES DRIVE \$849,000
This 3BR/2BA home is in move-in condition! Updated kitchen & baths. Deck & garden for outdoor living. Tranquil views! Jill Carrigan



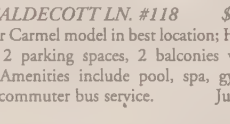
5420 DOVER STREET \$599,000
Delightful Craftsman w/a contemporary flair. Move-in condition. 3BR/2BA. Separate office w/ half bath. Great garden. Near Temescal shops & restaurants. Bettina Balestrieri



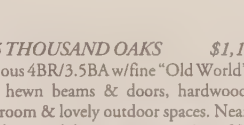
1054 SUNNYHILLS ROAD \$1,275,000
Well-maintained Crocker Highlands traditional w/ 3BR/2.5BA + family room. Updated eat-in kitchen w/new granite counters & hardwood floors. Master suite w/private deck. Anthony Riggins



10 CORTEZ COURT \$825,000
Level-in 3BR/3BA light-filled Montclair home on a quiet cul-de-sac w/South Bay views, large family room, two fireplaces, wrap-around deck & garden patio for entertaining. Dana Cohen



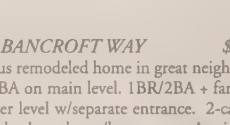
454 38TH STREET \$535,000
Very special, bright 2BR/2BA Temescal home with updated kitchen, fabulous garden, non-conforming in-law. Close to conveniences. Anne Van Dyke



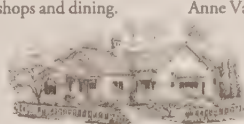
1665 THOUSAND OAKS \$1,150,000
Gracious 4BR/3.5BA w/fine "Old World" details: hand hewn beams & doors, hardwood floors, wine room & lovely outdoor spaces. Near Solano Ave. shops and dining. Anne Van Dyke



2210 ROSE STREET \$875,000
Tasteful renovation of a classic Bungalow, surrounded by beautiful garden. 3 spacious bedrooms and 2 baths. Beautiful colors and finishes throughout. Close to UCB, fine dining & BART. Ruth Frassetto



1529 BANCROFT WAY \$785,000
Spacious remodeled home in great neighborhood. 3BR/1BA on main level. 1BR/2BA + family room on lower level w/separate entrance. 2-car garage. Fenced back garden w/lawn. Annie Walrand



1114 ARCH STREET \$985,000
Fabulous & unique! Soaring ceilings & tall doors. One-level floorplan. Embracing indoor-outdoor ambiance. Exquisite gardens. Near UC & Gourmet Ghetto. 4 BR/ 2BA. Chris Cohn

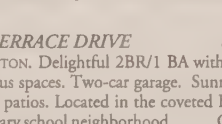


2214 CARLETON STREET \$659,000
Lovely turn-of-the-century Berkeley brown shingle. Friendly neighborhood near Berkeley Bowl & College Ave. Numerous upgrades. 3+BR/2BA + garden studio. Ruth Frassetto

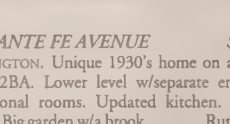
KENSINGTON, EMERYVILLE & MORAGA OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30



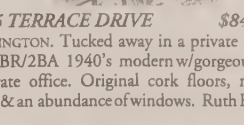
8215 TERRACE DRIVE \$849,000
KENSINGTON. Tucked away in a private haven is this 4BR/2BA 1940's modern w/gorgeous views. Separate office. Original cork floors, redwood walls & an abundance of windows. Ruth Frassetto



4053 HARLAN STREET \$895,000
EMERYVILLE. New Price! Owner's penthouse loft + adjacent income loft! Historic Besler Bldg. Great open spaces w/hill views, high ceilings & huge windows. Near Pixar & Bay Bridge. Bebe McRae



421 SANTE FE AVENUE \$899,000
KENSINGTON. Unique 1930's home on a large lot. 4+BR/2BA. Lower level w/separate entrance & additional rooms. Updated kitchen. Three-car garage. Big garden w/a brook. Ruth Frassetto



1000 SANDERS DRIVE \$799,000
MORAGA. New Price! This immaculate 3BR/2BA updated Normandy has an open floor plan, chef's kitchen w/Viking range, beautiful level patios, decks, arbor & spa. Ford/Plowright

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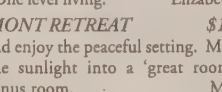
PIEDMONT ENGLISH \$4,950,000
Stately English home w/lovely architectural details. Work-out room, attic & aupair space. Pool & gardens. Stunning views. Elizabeth Dickson



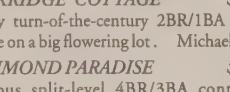
PIEDMONT CONTEMPORARY \$1,195,000
Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA plus family room. One level living. Elizabeth Dickson



PIEDMONT SHINGLE \$1,995,000
Classic brown shingle w/rich wood paneling & hardwood floors. Spacious gourmet kitchen. Decks & garden. 4+BR/3BA. Angela Wei Grubb

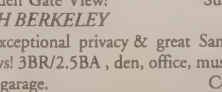


PIEDMONT RETREAT \$1,100,000
Relax and enjoy the peaceful setting. Mature Oaks filter the sunlight into a 'great room'. 3BR/2BA+bonus room. Mindy Scott

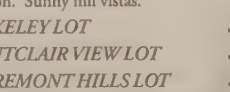


BERKELEY TRADITIONAL \$925,000
30's traditional w/a deco flare! 3+BR/2BA includes artist's studio! Privacy! Glorious gardens on oversized lot! Golden Gate View! Susie Schevill

PIEDMONT CHIC \$1,895,000
Chic traditional. Open, flexible floor plan w/ wonderful North Bay views. Beautiful kitchen for entertaining. Anian Pettit Tunney

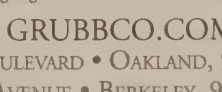


NORTH BERKELEY \$899,000
Enjoy exceptional privacy & great San Francisco Bay views! 3BR/2.5BA, den, office, music room & two-car garage. Colette Ford



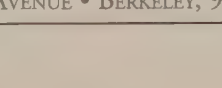
ALBANY COTTAGE \$695,000
One level cottage w/great garden! 2BR/1BA, formal dining room & updated kitchen. Bebe McRae

STUNNING OAKLAND HILLS \$1,450,000
Sophisticated trend setting design w/south Bay view. 5BR/3.5BA. Designer kitchen/family room w/fireplace. Media room. Debra Dryden



ROCKRIDGE COTTAGE \$649,000
A cozy turn-of-the-century 2BR/1BA gardener's cottage on a big flowering lot. Michael Friedman

PIEDMONT CONTEMPORARY \$1,195,000
Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA plus family room. One level living. Elizabeth Dickson



RICHMOND PARADISE \$619,000
Spacious split-level 4BR/3BA contemporary surrounded by lush gardens. Mavis Delacroix

PIEDMONT CONTEMPORARY \$1,195,000
Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA plus family room. One level living. Elizabeth Dickson



GRAND LAKE CONDO \$315,000
Beautiful remodeled condo at fabulous Grand Lake location. Sunny hill vistas. Ed Kuo

PIEDMONT CONTEMPORARY \$1,195,000
Spacious contemporary w/vaulted ceilings & gleaming hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA plus family room. One level living. Elizabeth Dickson

BERKELEY LOT \$950,000
MONTCLAIR VIEW LOT \$440,000
CLAREMONT HILLS LOT \$440,000

Ten key questions to ask when interviewing realty agents

The first step to a successful home sale is to get the property into its best physical condition. Painting, cleaning, and repairing will usually pay off with thousands of extra profit dollars. Look at your home with very

critical eyes. If you were a buyer, what do you notice which would discourage you from making a purchase offer?

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pared to discount the sales price to compensate.

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fortunately, this task is not easy.

Even if you think you can sell your home alone without a professional agent, please interview at least three agents who sell homes in your vicinity.

They won't mind giving you their listing presentations and answering your questions. The reason is most do-it-yourself home sellers eventually hire a professional agent within 30 to 60 days. The agents you interview know you are likely to call

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3015 HYDE STREET

This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has many upgrades that make it chic and contemporary. The recently updated kitchen is absolutely gorgeous with new appliances, granite counters and unique bamboo floors. The living room and bedrooms have hardwood floors and plenty of storage. Both bathrooms have been updated, there is a large bonus room downstairs, two-car garage and lush landscaping front and back. Beautiful!

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NEW LISTING ~ OPEN SAT. & SUN., JULY 8 & 9, 2-5PM



4448 Anderson Avenue, Oakland

This sophisticated and stylish Redwood Heights 2 bedroom, 1 bath home was built in 1950 and is the perfect house for entertaining. The remodeled kitchen features granite counters, bamboo floors, and stainless appliances. The bath is exquisite with marble and granite finishes and was remodeled to include a deep Philip Stark tub, separate shower with skylight and waterfall showerhead, and Lacava sink. The yard is thoughtfully landscaped for maximum outdoor pleasure and includes a wisteria covered arbor, raised Koi pond, two raised vegetable beds, limestone stepping stones and a drip irrigation system. The attention to detail and care is evident in every aspect of this home.



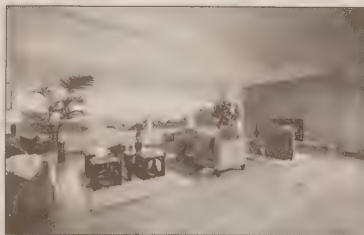
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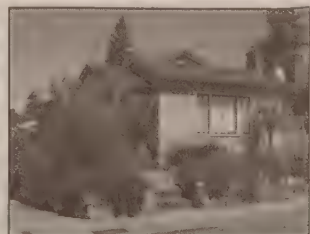
NEW LISTING! OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2-4:30PM

Fantastic bungalow in excellent condition. Perfect starter home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, updated kitchen, laundry room, hardwood floors, detached garage and level yard. Conveniently located close to freeways and the very charming Laurel shopping district.



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3001 Maple Avenue, Oakland
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NEW PIEDMONT PINES LISTING SHOWN BY APPOINTMENT



6301 Chelton Drive, Oakland
Offered at \$1,849,000

Overlooking San Francisco Bay, this NEW Tuscan Villa of incomparable quality is nearing completion. Hand-picked limestones, granite, original cast moldings, and the finest woods are tastefully combined to create an elegant residence. Set on approximately .26 acres of secluded grounds, this 4 bedroom, 3 bath Piedmont Pines home is a statement of elegance and sophistication, offering more than 3300 square feet of luxurious living and expansive views.

MEDITERRANEAN ELEGANCE! OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2-4:30PM



4288 Terrabella Way, Oakland
Offered at \$1,270,000

This large, beautiful, bay view 4BR/2.5BA Mediterranean home nestled in the Oakland hills captures a sophisticated feeling. A dramatic entry and living room welcome you with high ceilings and grand staircase. A gourmet kitchen, office, half bath, large family room with fireplace, and lovely rear yard complete the main level. Upstairs are: master suite with bath, 3 additional bedrooms plus full bath. Photos at www.4288Terrabella.com.

NEW PIEDMONT LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2-4:30PM



361 Moraga Avenue, Piedmont
Offered at \$995,000

This wonderful 4 bedroom, 2 bath level-in home features a multitude of appealing details and is conveniently located close to the Piedmont public schools. Generous-sized public rooms and an updated kitchen complement this two-story home which is painted in beautiful colors inside and outside. The sensible floorplan on the lower level opens out to the large deck and backyard extending the options for indoor/outdoor living. This home is also conveniently located near the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood offering a plethora of entertainment, food options, shopping activities and commuting options.

NEW TEMESCAL LISTING OPEN SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2-4:30PM



442 43rd Street, Oakland
Offered at \$659,000

This immaculate traditional is in the heart of the thriving and popular Temescal district, close to shopping, dining and transportation. With a combination of period details and stylish updating, the home offers very comfortable living and modern convenience. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Fully developed attic perfect for third bedroom or office or family room. Level yard.

OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,500,000
5935 MANCHESTER AVE.

Wonderful 4+BR/4+BA Traditional w/fabulous GG views. Master bedroom w/fireplace, billiard room w/fireplace & 50s style soda fountain, separate library, beautiful gardens. Francis Heath x1357



ROCKRIDGE \$1,600,000
5578 LAWTON AVE.

PRICE SLASHED \$90K! The best of everything at a new low price: terrific space, exquisite finishes, ideal location. 3BR/3BA, chef's kitchen, family room, gym, office, garage. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY \$1,050,000
2417A-2419A PROSPECT ST.

Great hill location close to UC Campus. E+ch single-level cottage has hardwood floor., fireplaces & gardens as well as 1 car parking garage space. Michelle Vasey x1357

OAKMORE \$739,000
1995 WRENN ST.

Immaculate & unique with lots of charm. 3BR including master suite, 2BA, formal dining room, South Bay views & many upgrades. Detached garage. Keith Tollas x1382

GLENVIEW \$599,000
3821 LA CRESTA AVE.

Great buy in popular Glenview! Sweet 3+BR/1BA bungalow with bright, versatile living space. Updated kitchen & bath. Plus room opens to a beautifully landscaped yard. Christian Downer x1340

CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,495,000
7111 NORFOLK RD.

Watch the fireworks from the view terrace & loggia of this brand new Phil Perkins contemporary. 4+BR/4.5BA, amazing kitchen, media room, gym. A must see! Fritz Hochfellner x1348

NORTH BERKELEY \$1,250,000
1019 SHATTUCK AVE.

Handsome single in the heart of North Berkeley close to Solano Ave. & Live Oak Park w/open plan, tree-top Bay views, level yard, 2 car garage. 5BR/3BA incl. great au pair. Joanna Gould x1346

SAN LEANDRO \$859,000
720 LEE AVE.

New Listing! Classic 1929 Tudor in Escondido Estates. Updated kitchen & bath, gracious formal rooms, 3BR/1+4BA, charming breakfast room, family room & expansion potential. Michelle Miller x1335

MILLS COLLEGE \$699,000
5321 MACARTHUR BLVD.

4BR/3BA 1926 "country farmhouse" set on 25+ acres. Rolling lawn, "secret" gardens, front porch with rocker, wooded & hill outlooks. Eat-in kitchen. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

MAXWELL PARK \$589,000
4733 ALLENDALE AVE.

Wonderful 1928 French Normandy w/bright, split-level floor plan. 3BR/1BA. Charming architectural details. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, landscaped yard. Erika Celestre x1370

PIEDMONT \$2,200,000
21 RICHARDSON WY.

Classic home with exceptional architectural details. 4BR, 2.5BA. Modern kitchen. Bay-view master suite. Backyard, level-out from kitchen & lovely breakfast room. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

BERKELEY \$1,200,000
2510 WARRING ST.

Large Brown Shingle close to campus. Used as rooming house or two units. Sleeps nine or ten. Excellent parking!! Leslie Easterday x1363

MONTCLAIR \$799,000
6595 LONGWALK DR.

New Listing! Light filled 4BR/2BA contemporary w/updated kitchen & baths. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, open floor plan & marble fireplace. Michelle Vasey x1359

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$769,500
4438 NORTON AVE.

Immaculate home in sylvan setting. 3BR/2+BA, gorgeous living & dining rooms, random plank hardwood floors. Large family room. Patio & garden. Dwight McCan x1391

UPPER LAUREL \$549,000
3948 PATTERSON AVE.

2BR/1BA bungalow located on the border of Redwood Heights & the Laurel District. Lower unit with full bath, great for home office or guest quarters. Large deck. Joanna Hirsch x1366

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,200,000
6130 ACACIA AVE.

Bay-view Mediterranean-style home with 5BR/4BA, gourmet kitchen, large family room and patios. Master suite with views. Enormous storage. Ashley O'Neill x1368

ELMWOOD \$1,195,000
2609 COLLEGE AVE.

Large 5BR/3BA & 3 half baths historical Brown Shingle Colonial Revival in desirable location. Preserved architectural details, built-ins, fireplaces. Backyard oasis. Dan Joy x1304

OAKLAND HILLS \$769,000
13031 BROOKPARK RD.

Charming, remodeled, all-level home in Parkridge Estates. 3BR/2BA, family room, remodeled kitchen w/granite countertops. Near East Bay Regional Parklands. Vicki Woodhead x1334

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$679,000
4448 ANDERSON AVE.

New Listing! Sophisticated & stylish 2BR/1BA home built in 1950. Beautifully remodeled kitchen & bath. Landscaped yard with Koi pond & raised vegetable beds. Carla Buffington x1367

LAKE MERRITT \$525,000
322 HANOVER AVE.

Beautiful 2BR, 2BA condo with stunning views of Lake Merritt & downtown Oakland. Located on the 4th floor. Hardwood floors. Updated kitchen. Jennie Flanagan x1354

PIEDMONT \$2,000,000
58 LAKEVIEW AVE.

Wonderful Central Piedmont Traditional with 4BR & 3+BA. A wet bar leads from formal dining room to eat-in kitchen. Deck, patio and deep rear garden. Sally Saxby Morrison x1313

GRAND LAKE \$1,050,000
578 MIRA VISTA AVE.

New Listing! Stately traditional gem in the Rose Garden area. Wonderful original architectural detail w/modern upgrades. Beautiful vistas. Convenient to shopping, movies, & transportation. Donna DeBardi x1374

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$749,000
35 BINNACLE HILL

2 bedrooms, 2 baths plus loft. Beautiful view of San Francisco, Bay & Golden Gate bridges. Cathedral ceilings, patio. Close to club house. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$669,000
1397 BARROWS RD.

Sweet 1940s home just off Trestle Glen. Living room features picture window, fireplace & built-ins. Charming upgraded kitchen, remodeled bath, 2BR/1BA, hardwood flrs. Dolores Thom x1364

SAN LEANDRO \$512,000
380 FARRELY DR.

New Priced Charming 2BR, 1BA bungalow in Farrelly Pond neighborhood. Refinished hardwood floors, fresh interior & exterior paint, remodeled bath. Large yard. Candy Benny x1328

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,695,000
5234 COCHRANE

Chic, contemporary on prime street. Uplifting design with high ceilings and generous spaces. 3+BR/2+BA, family room with fireplace, large kitchen, breakfast area. David Ichikawa x1331

BERKELEY \$1,050,000
2417-2419 PROSPECT ST.

Great hill location close to UC Campus. Each split-level cottage has hardwood floors, fireplaces & gardens as well as 1 car parking garage space. Michelle Vasey x1357

JACK LONDON SQUARE \$669,000
311 OAK ST. PH7

New Listing! Chic 2BR/2BA penthouse w/fabulous outdoor terrace. Sleek kitchen, hardwood floors, air conditioning. Luxury building with pool, gym, 2-car garage. Dana Dworin x1384

EMERYVILLE \$599,000
1050 45TH ST.

Arts & Crafts tiled fireplace, built-ins, vintage stove, retro lino, 2 bedrooms, breakfast room, bonus room, full basement, landscaped garden. Lorri Arazi x1330

OAKLAND \$499,000
3001 MAPLE AVE.

New Listing! Adorable 2BR/1BA bungalow in excellent condition. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & lovely level yard. Lori Lombardo x1377

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OAKLAND HILLS \$4,325,000

Hallmark of modern art and workmanship. Spectacular 4 bridge views. Grand courtyard. Quiet cul-de-sac. Sumptuous theater and wine cellar. 6+BR/6+BA. David Ichikawa x1331

BERKELEY \$1,495,000
4+BR/3+BA.

Fabulous contemporary w/sweeping San Francisco & Golden Gate Bridge views. Vaulted ceiling. Separate home office. Nancy Noman x1373

BERKELEY \$975,000

Three blocks from Ashby BART. Well-maintained 7 unit building. Low maintenance and off-street parking. Gross rent multiplier is 11.3. Wendy Gardner x1303



OAKLAND HILLS \$1,795,000

Custom built traditional situated on over one acre. Gourmet kitchen w/adjoining family room. 4+BR/4BA. Decks, pool & expansive indoor-outdoor areas. Sandi Klemmer x1314 & Dick Cohen x1308

OAKLAND \$995,000

Georgious Craftsman Duplex with identical units. 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath each. Original details, ample parking, huge garden! Erika Celestre x1370

LAFAYETTE \$849,000

Spacious, updated Traditional on tree-canopied street near shops, restaurants & Trader Joe's! 3BR/2BA, family room & in-law w/kitchen. Park-like yard. Steven Biasatti x1379

NORTH BERKELEY \$995,000

Spectacular views & exquisite seclusion in a covered neighborhood just up the hill from UC. 3BR/2BA plus 2-room office/su pair. Needs work, but worth it! See More Tour at pacunion.com/GiniErek x1339

BERKELEY \$650,000

Fabulous, sun-filled three-level live-work condominium. two-plus bedrooms, two-plus baths. Soaring ceilings. Dramatic! Nancy Noman x1373



BERKELEY \$815,000

Designed and built by its owner in 1972, this handsome post and beam 2BR/2BA fixer offers large spaces, big Bay views, and exciting potential in the North Berkeley hills. Gini Erek x1339

UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,350,000

Splendid classic 1929 Spanish Mediterranean. 4BR/3BA, dramatic living room w/beamed ceilings, formal dining room, gourmet kitchen, terrace, beautiful garden. Dee Knowland x1318

SAN LEANDRO price upon request

Charming 3BR/2BA home w/a flexible floor plan & great entertaining flow, eat-in kitchen, formal dining w/built-ins, master bedroom w/back deck & yard access. 2 car garage. Michelle Miller x1335

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Here are the key questions to ask each realty agent interviewed. Of course, the best agents will anticipate your question during their listing presentation (which shouldn't take more than an hour):

1 — How much can you get for my home? The best agents will prepare a written CMA (comparative market analysis) form to anticipate your question. This written form shows (a) recent sales prices of comparable nearby homes; (b) asking prices of similar neighborhood homes now for sale (your competition); and (c) the recently expired listing prices of similar homes that didn't sell.

Thanks to computers, competent realty agents can often prepare your CMA within an hour, including photos of each home. If an agent refuses to leave their CMA with you to study, that agent doesn't trust you. You need each agent's CMA to compare with the others to be certain you aren't being misled into underpricing or overpricing your home.

2 — What are the names, addresses and phone numbers of your five most recent home sellers? The best agents will include this information in their listing presentations. Before signing a listing with any agent, contact their recent sellers to ask, "Were you in any way unhappy with your agent and would you list your home for sale again with the same agent?"

Listen to the answers closely, especially if a recent seller hesitates or gives a vague answer.

3 — How long have you been selling homes in this area? Are you a full-time agent? What professional courses and designations have you completed? Just because an agent is a beginner, that's not necessarily bad. He or she will probably have more time to devote to selling your home than will an "old pro" agent who carries many listings. However, be sure a new agent has adequate supervision from an experienced brokerage office manager.

4 — What is your minimum listing term? The correct answer is 90 days. Be wary if an agent insists on a six-month listing unless that listing includes an unconditional cancellation clause after 90 days. A favorite argument of agents demanding long listings is to show you the average number of days the local multiple listing service (MLS) says it takes to sell homes in your area. But your reply should be, "I don't want just an average agent. Aren't you above average?"

5 — How many listings do you have now? Do you have an office assistant? What percentage of your listings sold in the last 12 months? Watch out for a "numbers agent." These are agents who have dozens of listings and one or two office assistants. They work on percentages, knowing a certain percent of their listings will sell so they want as many listings as possible.

If you list your home for sale with a "numbers agent," be sure it won't get neglected. For example, the most successful listing agent in my town has 10 assistants. Maybe that is why he is the top sales agent in the entire county.

6 — What sales commission rate do you charge? Most realty agents will tell you the "standard commission" is 6 percent (or 7 percent). But Real Trends (Dallas, TX), in a recent study, reports the average nationwide sales commission is 5.1 percent. However, that includes sales commissions paid to so-called cut-rate or discount brokerages which often provide less than full service.

The higher the market value of your home the greater the probability the listing agent will negotiate your sales commission rate downward. That's why you want to interview at least three successful local agents to compare their commissions and services included.

Also, you might be able to negotiate a lower sales commission rate if the listing agent locates the buyer for your home without having to split the commission with another agent. In real estate talk, it's called having both ends of the sale.

Many realty agents have flexible commission rates. To illustrate, one agent in my community lists homes at a 6 percent commission rate. But if he locates the buyer without another agent's participation, then he reduces his commission to 4 percent. That's 1 percent higher than he would usually earn if another agent obtains the buyer.

7 — What is your marketing plan and what services will you provide? This question is closely related to the sales commission rate. The best full service agents will prepare a written list of all their marketing services.

Some agents will just provide minimum service, such as placing your listing into the local MLS. Please be aware the MLS is the most powerful sales tool realty

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agents have. In addition, most MLS listings now automatically go on the www.realtor.com Web site. According to the National Association of Realtors, more than 70 percent of today's home buyers begin their quest on the Internet, usually at www.realtor.com. For this reason, it is essential to have your home listing in the local MLS and on this Web site.

In addition, the best agents also have their individual Web sites, will agree in writing to a minimum newspaper and home sales magazine advertising schedule for your residence, will hold tours for their office colleagues and realty agents with other local firms (a listing agent who provides light snacks to agents usually assures a good turnout), hold at least one hosted weekend open house every month, and print color brochures for agents and prospective buyers (ask for samples). If a listing agent won't commit in writing to spending at least a few hundred dollars to properly market your home, to earn several thousand dollars in sales commission, that agent hasn't earned your listing.

8 — Other than yourself, who is the best real estate agent in this area? Don't hesitate to ask what the agent you're interviewing thinks of the other agents on your interview list. Some agents will evasively say, "I really don't have any competition." But the best agents will honestly answer your question.

9 — Is my home ready to sell or do you have suggestions to better prepare it to earn top dollar? Some agents will key question until after you sign their listing. But you need to know the answer before signing a listing with an agent who might prove to be "difficult" if you won't make certain changes.

A current trend is for listing agents to "stage" homes for sale. In extreme cases, they will recommend the seller remove their furnishings and rent more appropriate furniture (at the seller's expense). The goal is to turn your residence into a "model home" so buyers can visualize how nice it can be. Staging costs usually pay off in a higher sales price so don't resent this suggestion.

10 — Should my home be sold "as is"? Most states now require home sellers to fill out a disclosure statement listing any known residence defects that materially affect the market value. This procedure avoids after-sale lawsuits if the buyer was informed of all defects.

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Q: Is indoor-outdoor carpeting a good selection for a laundry room and small adjacent powder room? I would like to lay it over the self-stick tiles that are now on the floor. There are some of the good and bad points about indoor-outdoor carpeting? The house is a split-level, with the laundry room on the ground floor.

A: Though indoor/outdoor carpeting is designed to handle moisture, in these rooms you really could use a surface that can be easily mopped if plumbing fixtures

though indoor/outdoor carpeting is designed to handle moisture, in these rooms you really should use a surface that can be easily mopped if plumbing fixtures or appliances leak. Rugs get dirty and hold the smell of whatever has been spilled on them.

Plus, the carpeting can turn out to be a problem when you try to sell the house. Prospective buyers may be put off by having to remove it, not knowing the condition of the floor underneath. Tile, ceramic or vinyl are much better alternatives to carpet. Certainly more attractive and longer-lasting.

Q: I live in a high-rise building. The neighbors next door and across the hall both smoke, and the odor is seeping into my apartment. The hallway often reeks of smoke, but when I complained to the manager, he told that the hallway-ventilation system works by forcing clean air into the area, which then enters the apartments through the entrance doors. Isn't this also forcing the smoke-filled air inside?

I have noticed that the party wall between my apartment and my smoking neighbor's reeks of stale smoke. Is there a sealant or paint that can be applied to this party wall to deal in the odors and prevent them from coming into my apartment? There are exhaust fans in both my kitchen and bathroom. When I run them, it does seem to help, but they are extremely noisy, and the bathroom fan runs only when the light is on.

A: Even if the hallway-ventilation system didn't exist, the tobacco odor would find its way into your apartment. It is simply that invasive. Having kitchen and bathroom fans run hours a day won't make it go away, nor is there a paint that can seal a party wall from the smell.

There's a very good reason why home charge cleaning fees as high as \$350 if you smoke in a non-smoking room.

The odor of smoke, even after a few days, gets into everything and is very difficult to remove. My recommendation: Find another apartment on a nonsmoking floor, or a nonsmoking building.

Q: Several weeks ago, you wrote about attic ventilation, and there was one question about the proper humidity level in that part of the house, and soffit vents installed and had ridge vent properly re-installed late last year.

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A: The humidity level would indeed be higher in the summer, but our experience after having the attic installed properly indicates you are well prepared for our sultry summer climate. You could install roof fans to move the air a little more, but don't think you'll have a problem. You go with what you have.

Q: I am currently marketing a condo as a for-sale-by-owner, and I showed the unit to someone this morning. She was asking about

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wireless Internet capabilities in the condo/building.

This is clearly a very important, possibly even crucial, feature for her. I am having difficulty grasping the concept. Is it something you would consider only if you are in the process of converting a building to condos or doing major renovations on a condo?

Or is it something that could be added to an existing condo without tearing the walls down and paying big money? I would love to be able to offer wireless Internet to my prospective buyer. Do you have any advice for me?

A: If you can get cable TV in the



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building, you can buy high-speed Internet access from your cable company without having to remove floors or walls to do so. If you want to link more than one computer, you can network with a router. Tell the prospective buyer that this is something she can easily take care of after she buys your unit.

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In addition, some realty agents and real estate attorneys advise selling "as is." The home seller must still disclose known defects but will not pay for any repairs.

Older homes are often sold "as is," especially when the residence needs repairs or updating which the seller prefers not to make.

For example, a house two

blocks from mine recently sold "as is." Before moving in, the buyer is having a new roof installed, is re-landscaping, and will probably remodel the interior. The result is the seller was satisfied with a fair price and the buyer can fix up the house the way he wants it.

Each agent should be asked his/her opinion on whether the home should be sold "as is." Some agents feel "as is" sales greatly hurt marketability whereas other agents encourage "as is" sales to discourage after-sale litigation.

Conclusion

Selecting the best agent to list your home for sale and asking the right questions are key components to a successful sale for top dollar during the fall "second best" home sales season of the year. By asking the right questions explained above, plus any others you want answered, you will maximize the probability of a successful home sale.

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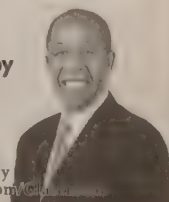
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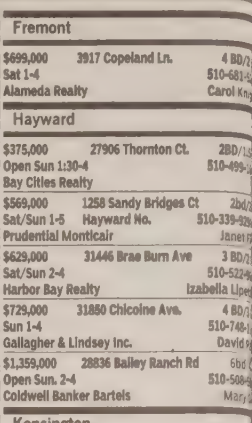
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Wells & Bennett Realtors		Carol Rob...
\$295,000	150 Pearl St. #204	1bd
Open Sun 2-4		510-450-
Coldwell Banker		Bobbie Glas...
\$308,500	673 Cary Ave	1bd
Sat/Sun 11-1		510-522-
Harbor Bay Realty		tzabella Iy...
\$310,000	150 Pearl St #106	1bd
Open Sat 2-4		510-410-
Montclair Better Homes		Robert S...
\$315,000	305 Jayne #314	1bd
Open Sat & Sun. 2-5		510-689-
Prudential		Anita A...
\$349,000	424 Staten #305	1bd
Open Sun 2-4:30	Adams Pl	510-339-
Prudential Montclair		Gene Ro...
\$349,000	6845 Outlook Avenue	1bd
Open Sun 2-4:30	Millmont	510-339-
Coldwell Banker		Vicky V...
\$357,000	311 Oak Street #816	000
Open Sun 2-4		510-401-
Pacific Union GMAC		Pat Bren...
\$359,000	212 Lee St	1bd
Open Sun. 2-5	Lake Merritt	510-640-
Prudential Claremont		Scott S...
\$360,000	2111 San Antonio Way	2-280
Sun 1-4	X-St. 21st Avenue	510-393-
Agent		David Th...
\$366,000	3825 High St. #103	2bd
Open Sun. 2:30-4:30		510-339-
Prudential Montclair		Erk Le...
\$379,000	323 Monte Vista #312	2 bd
Sun 1-4	Piedmont Avenue	510-507-
Help-U Sell Action Properties		Theresa H...
\$398,888	322 Hanover Ave #107	200
Open Sun 2-5	Lake Merritt	510-339-
Coldwell Banker		Donna Co...
\$399,000	3829 Webster St. #3	1bd
Open Sun 1-5	Lower Temescal	510-547-9001
Lawton Associates		
\$399,000	963 -70th Ave	510-544-
Open Sun. 2-5		510-544-
Prudential Claremont		Kristi Ro...
\$419,000	3829 Webster St. #4	1bd
Open Sun 1-5	Lower Temescal	510-547-9001
Lawton Associates		
\$425,000	2740 78th Ave	3bd
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-636-
Re/Max East Bay Hills	Stephanie Chin...	
\$439,000	2816 Viola St	2bd
Open Sun. 2-4:30	Allendale	510-339-
Montclair Better Homes		Martha
\$439,000	4010 Füllington St	2bd
Open Sat. 2-4:30	Laurel Lower	510-339-
Montclair Better Homes		Gayle S...
\$459,000	1941 East 24 St.	3bd
Sun 2-4		510-523-
Centennial Real Estate		Truyen Th...
\$459,000	3576-64th Ave	510-339-
Sun 2-4:30	Millmont	510-339-
Prudential Montclair		Vicci Li...

Weekend

OPEN HOMES

Open Sunday, unless otherwise indicated

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Oakland	2614 Minna Avenue	2BD/1.5BA	510-501-0415	Carol Crosby
Union Residential	2968 Morgan Avenue	1+BD/1+BA	510-339-4700	Darcy Diamante
Union Residential	583 59th Street	2BD/1BA	510-338-1381	Tom Nemeth
Union Residential	8033 Earl St	2bd/1ba	510-339-9290	Erik Johnson
Union Residential	2240 E. 20th Street	2BR/1BA	510-339-8900	x262
Union Residential	886 41st St	2+bd/1ba	510-848-1950	x212
Union Residential	255 3rd St. #202	1BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Bonnie Ross
Union Residential	3001 Maple Ave	2BD/1BA	510-338-1377	Lori Lombardo
Union Residential	454 W. MacArthur	2BD/1.5BA	510-367-7575	Kelly Klingler
Union Residential	8367 Golf Links Rd	2BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Karyn Selby Miller
Union Residential	655 12th Street #110	1BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Kara Thacker
Union Residential	3056 Blossom St	3bd/1.5ba	510-292-2034	David Valdez
Union Residential	322 Hanover Ave. #413	2BD/2BA	510-338-1354	Jennie Flanagan
Union Residential	3754 38th Avenue	3 BD/1 BA	510-205-4369 / 205-3575	David G./Andrew R.
Union Residential	8342 Ney Ave	2bd/1ba	510-339-8400	Wilbert Ross Jr
Union Residential	220 Farrelly Dr	2bd/1ba	510-517-6223	Greta Sanford
Union Residential	240 Caldecott Lane, #118	2BD/2BA	510-339-0400	Judith Cain
Union Residential	2894 Delaware Street	2+BD/1+BA	510-339-4700	Jullie Joyce
Union Residential	4817 Walnut St	2+bd/1ba	510-848-1950	x247
Union Residential	850 W. MacArthur	4bd/2ba	510-339-4562	Gayle Smith
Union Residential	3521 California St	2bd/1ba	510-280-2162	Saraya Motley
Union Residential	4415 Brookdale Ave	2bd/1ba	510-339-9290	Katie O'Shea
Union Residential	454 38th Street	2BD/2BA	510-339-8400	Anne Van Dyke
Union Residential	6211 Telegraph #25	3 BD/2 BA	510-337-8670	Maury McFadden
Union Residential	2237 11th Ave	4bd/2ba	510-882-0027	San
Union Residential	3687 Madrone Ave	2+bd/1ba	510-339-9290	Vicki Landes
Union Residential	5315 Camden St	2bd/1ba	510-339-4562	Rochelle Anthony
Union Residential	4546 Virginia Avenue	2BD/2BA	510-486-1495	Laura Arechiga
Union Residential	3948 Patterson Avenue	2BD/1BA	510-338-1366	Joanna Hirsch
Union Residential	6009 Idaho St.	3BD/1+BA	415-690-6225	Agent Murphy Mack
Union Residential	3706 Hillview St	3bd/2ba	510-339-9290	David Otero
Union Residential	3832 Monticello Avenue	3BD/1BA	510-531-7000	x228
Union Residential	4221 Knoll Ave.	2BD/1BA	510-339-4700	James Brown
Union Residential	2250 Lakeshore #7	2bd/2ba	510-339-9290	Mark C. Ross
Union Residential	3933 Laguna Avenue	3BD/1.25BA	510-531-7000	x278
Union Residential	4526 Pampas Ave	3bd/1ba	510-339-8400	Nader Davari
Union Residential	4733 Alameda Avenue	3BD/1BA	510-338-1370	Erika Celestre
Union Residential	3051 Parker Hillmont	3BD/2BA	510-568-7300	Adam Watts
Union Residential	1639 11th Ave	4bd/2ba	510-428-0900	Kathy Dittmer
Union Residential	1866 Pleasant Valley	2bd/1ba	510-731-0188	Bill Miller
Union Residential	3015 Hyde St.	3BD/2BA	510-339-4700	Karen Selby Miller
Union Residential	311 4th St. #123	LOFT	510-748-1121	Angela McIntyre
Union Residential	3821 La Cresta	3+BD/1BA	510-338-1340	Christian Downer
Union Residential	3821 La Cresta	3+BD/1BA	510-338-1378	Jackie Care
Union Residential	4727 Davenport Ave.	3 BD/2 BA	510-346-4112	Tere Lee

Oakland	5420 Dover Street	3+BD/2+BA	510-339-0400	Bettina Balestreri
Oakland	925 E 19th Street	3 BD/2 BA	510-748-1108	Bill & Griselda Bissett
Oakland	7968 Sunkist Dr.	3BD/1BA	510-568-7300	Adam Watts
Oakland	3973 Hanly Rd	2+bd/1ba	510-339-8400	Nader Davari
Oakland	681 58th St	3bd/2ba	510-280-2144	Cindy Willan
Oakland	4339 Howe St	2bd/1ba	510-899-8106	Matt Murphy
Oakland	217 Capricorn Ave	2bd/1ba	510-339-8301	Laurel Strand
Oakland	4751 Fair	2BD/1BA	510-531-7000	x235
Oakland	6323 Valley View Rd	3bd/3ba	510-520-5462	CP Yang
Oakland	1 Lakeside Dr	2bd/2ba	510-339-9290	Mary Dresser
Oakland	565 Bellevue #1206	2BD/2BA	510-409-9503	Dave Murphy
Oakland	442 43rd St	2+BD/2BA	510-338-1314	Sandi Klemmer
Oakland	8674 Seneca Street	3BD/1.5BA	510-531-7000	x262
Oakland	149 Thousand Oaks	3BD/2.5BA	510-581-3028	Warren Lee
Oakland	1231 Court St	2+ BD/1 1/4 BA	510-205-4369 / 205-3575	David G./Andrew R.
Oakland	1397 Barrows Rd	2BD/1BA	510-338-1364	Dolores Thom
Oakland	311 Oak St. PH7	2BD/2BA	510-708-8144	Dana Dworin
Oakland	565 Bellevue #2106	2BD/2BA	510-409-9503	Dave Murphy
Oakland	4448 Anderson	2BD/1BA	510-338-1367	Carla Buffington
Oakland	7192 Saroni Drive	3BD/2BA	510-531-7000	x242
Oakland	4121 Manila Ave	3+BD/2BA	510-625-8900	Lorne Lente
Oakland	7749 Sunkist	5bd/3ba	510-339-9290	Mary Dresser
Oakland	2323 Mastlans	3+BD/1.5BA	510-339-4700	David Eckert
Oakland	4032 & 4032 1/2 Midvale Ave	3BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Rachel Baller
Oakland	412 Hiller Drive	3BD/2.5BA	510-531-7000	x246
Oakland	4400 Terrabella Pl	3+bd/2.5ba	510-339-9290	Rick Richetta
Oakland	6614-16 Deakin St	2+BD/1+BA	510-652-2133	Ford/Plowright
Oakland	6670 Sobrante Rd	3bd/2.5ba	510-280-2156	Adrienne Broche
Oakland	4020 Norton Ave.	3+BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Marlena S. Lyons
Oakland	1075 E 33rd St.	5+ BD/2 BA	510-748-1148	Pactia Dimacali
Oakland	3660 Calafia Ave	3+bd/1ba	510-485-5119	Ken Nwokedi
Oakland	41st St. & Shafter Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA	510-238-9111	x12
Oakland	4409 Arcadia Ave	2+bd/2ba	510-339-8400	Patricia Bennett
Oakland	85 Starview	3BD/2BA	510-338-1312	Martha Holstlaw
Oakland	10 Vanceave Way	3BD/2.5BA	510-981-3048	Tania Balazs-Govshi
Oakland	1995 Wrenn	3BD/2BA	510-338-1382	Keith Tollas
Oakland	5707 Ayala St	3bd/1.5ba	510-845-0211	Jeff Roberts
Oakland	6463 Melville Dr	4BD/2BA	650-598-2800	Carmen Miranda
Oakland	35 Binnace Hill	2+BD/2BA	510-338-1337	Bonnie Hirsch
Oakland	4548 Fieldbrook	4bd/3ba	510-526-5720	George Karsant
Oakland	561 Joaquin	3BD/2BA	510-339-4700	Karyn Selby Miller
Oakland	6201 Snake Rd	3bd/1ba	510-339-8400	Nahid Nassiri
Oakland	3658 Virden Ave	4bd/2ba	510-339-8400	Robert M. Scott
Oakland	1832 Magellan	3+bd/3ba	510-339-8400	Rosie Mysaether
Oakland	1928 Piper Ridge Ct	3BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	George Karsant

Oakland	13031 Brookpark	3BD/2BA	510-338-1334	Vicki Woodhead
Oakland	4351 Montgomery St	3bd/2ba	510-499-9900	Scott Ward
Oakland	5198 Saddle Brook Dr.	3BD/2BA	925-876-5095	Russ Burch
Oakland	4438 Norton	3BD/2+BA	510-338-1391	Dwight McCain
Oakland	3323 Claremont Ave.	3BD/1.5BA	510-551-5839	Mark Miller
Oakland	5360 Locksley Ave	2+BD/1BA	510-547-5970	x55
Oakland	6200 Westwood Way	3bd/2ba	510-339-8400	Martha Hill
Oakland	4658 Edgewood Avenue	3BD/3BA	510-339-4700	Matthew W. Healey
Oakland	5756 Claremont Ave	3+bd/2ba	510-644-5262	Lillie Brady
Oakland	966 Scott St	3 BD/1BA	510-507-3334	Therese Herget
Oakland	1833 Drake Dr.	3+BD/2BA	925-253-5400	Gerry Bakal
Oakland	4500 Mountain View	3BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Tiffany Stechschulte
Oakland	6595 Longwalk	4BD/2BA	510-338-1359	Michelle Vasey
Oakland	1221 Hampel St	4BD/2BA	510-299-5709	Keller Williams Realty
Oakland	10 Cortez Court	3BD/3BA	510-339-0400	Dana Cohan
Oakland	4797 Geranium Place	3BD/2BA	510-421-6818	Andrea Gordon
Oakland	33 Kimberley Court	3BD/2BA	510-531-7000	x246
Oakland	1357 Bates Rd	3bd/2ba	510-435-9543	Angelo Raymundo
Oakland	4455 Mountain View Ave	4BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	David Eckert
Oakland	8140 Surrey Lane	3bd/3ba	510-339-9290	Susan Lambert
Oakland	1057 Trestle Glen Road	3BD/2BA	510-339-0400	Julie Gardner
Oakland	11430 Sun Valley Dr	3bd/2ba	510-339-8301	Laurel Strand
Oakland	2601 Chelsea Dr	3bd/2ba	510-339-8301	Laurel Strand
Oakland	5360 Estates Drive	3BD/2BA	510-339-0400	Jill Carrigan
Oakland	533 Westfield Way	4BD/2BA	510-451-7317	x18
Oakland	109 Panoramic Way	3+bd/1ba	510-845-0211	Roy Grigsby
Oakland	6459 Pinehaven Rd	3+bd/2ba	510-339-4700	Laurel Strand
Oakland	2473 Chelsea Drive	2+bd/3ba	510-504-7996	Helen Nicholas
Oakland	373 Warwick Ave	4bd/2ba	510-292-2022	Kimberly Miller
Oakland	4012 Maybelle Ave	3bd/2ba	510-527-9111	Dee Plunkett
Oakland	544 Noe St	3BD/1BA	510-339-4700	Kara Thacker
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Oakland	6858 Aitken Dr	3bd/2.5ba	510-339-9290	Tami Bobb
Oakland	7033 Thornhill Dr.	3BD/1.5BA	510-421-6818	Andrea Gordon
Oakland	7602 Surrey Lane	4bd/3ba	510-339-9290	Myrtice Weng
Oakland	1880 Grand View Dr	3+BD/3BA	510-506-4410	Gayle Tantau
Oakland	2916 Morgan Avenue	3BD/3BA	510-339-4700	Rachel Baller
Oakland	5668 Buena Vista	3+BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Terry Kulka & Julie Joyce
Oakland	6566 Chelton Dr	4BD/3.5BA	510-339-4700	Donna Conroy
Oakland	515 Valle Vista	3+BR/2+BA	510-339-8900	Tom Erwin
Oakland	1061 Hubert Road	3BD/1.5BA	510-339-0400	Mindy Scott
Oakland	6240 Aspinwall	3bd/3ba	510-339-8400	Nahid Nassiri
Oakland	578 Mira Vista Ave	4BD/2BA	510-338-1374	Donna DeBardi
Oakland	6500 Swainland Rd	3bd/3ba	510-339-8400	Nahid Nassiri
Oakland	3299 Brunell Dr	5bd/3.5ba	510-524-3510	Yehuda Ben-David
Oakland	4288 Terrabella Way	4BD/3BA	510-338-1347	Rich Gould

Oakland	1054 Sunnyhills Road	3BD/2.5BA	510-339-0400	Anthony Riglins
Oakland	28 Rydal Court	4BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Debbie DiMaggio
Oakland	6995 Elverton Dr.	4BD/3BA	510-339-4700	Peter Nicolopoulos
Oakland	2110 Arrowhead	4BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Michael Gallagher
Oakland	970 Alvarado Road	3BD/3BA	510-339-0400	Tricia Swift
Oakland	5242 Masonic Ave	3BD/3BA	510-339-0400	Anlan Pettit Tunney
Oakland	14 Chancellor Pl	4bd/3ba	510-339-4700	Garice Morgan-Austin
Oakland	5878 Lawton Avenue	3+BD/3.5 BA	510-338-1317	Kathy Flynn
Oakland	268 Taurus Ave.	3+BD/5BA	510-339-4700	Karen Lum
Oakland	5234 Cochran Ave	3+BD/2+BA	510-338-1331	David Ichikawa
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Oakland	1288 Sunnyhills Road	4+BD/2.5BA	510-339-4700	Dan Hymer
Oakland	7217 Skyline Blvd.	4+BD/3.5BA	925-314-4884	Doris Chang
Oakland	13402 Campus Dr	5BD/5BA	510-339-4700	Nancy Dickey
Oakland	6130 Acacia Avenue	5+BD/4BA	510-338-1368	Ashley O'Neill
Oakland	6839 Elverton Dr	5+BD/4.5BA	510-339-4700	Preston Grant
Oakland	7111 Norfolk Road	4+BD/4+BA	510-338-1348	F. Hochfelner
Oakland	5935 Manchester Dr.	4+BD/4+BA	510-338-1357	Francis Heath
Oakland	5935 Manchester Dr.	4+BD/4+BA	510-338-1357	Francis Heath
Oakland	73 Beechwood Drive	5BD/5BA	925-253-6223	Susan Peterson
Oakland	25 Observation Place	5BD/4.5BA	510-899-8000	Kelly Deal
Oakland	5616 La Salle Ave	5+bd/5.5ba	510-339-9290	Heidi Marchesotti
Oakland	2141 El Lago	4bd/2ba	650-525-1400	Bruce Capobianco

Richmond	5814 Fresno Ave	2bd/1ba	510-280-2179	Robin Gaskins
Richmond	2393 Brooks Ave	2+bd/1ba	510-530-8146	Arthur White
Richmond	2550 Beach Head Way	2bd/2ba	510-292-7041	Stephanie Mewha
Richmond	2542 Treslees Way	3bd/2.5ba	510-280-2121	Katie Lederer
Richmond	663 Wilson Ave	3bd/2ba	510-527-9111	Jean Shrem/Marri Fischer
Richmond	821 29th St	3bd/2ba	510-845-0211	Karen Ruth
Richmond	4759 Westwood Ct	3bd/2ba	510-292-2003	Elizabeth McDonal
Richmond	2629 San Mateo	2bd/1ba	510-280-2120	Jimmy Reina
Richmond	213 Commodore Dr	3bd/2.5ba	510-280-2121	Katie Lederer
Richmond	5989 Monterey	3bd/2ba	510-848-1950	x212
Richmond	530 39th St	4bd/2ba	510-292-2026	Kimberly Miller
Richmond	1001 Lupine Ct	4bd/2.5ba	510-691-1222	Sam Cheng
Richmond	1020 Landmark Ct	4BD/2.5ba	510-691-1222	Sam Cheng
Richmond	5821 Amend Rd	4bd/2ba	510-847-1414	Marina Vayner
Richmond	5016 Buckboard	4bd/3ba	510-280-2125	Kathy Nilsan
Richmond	6073 Arlington Blvd.	3 BD/2 BA	510-810-5204	Vincent San Nicolas
Richmond	70 Southwind Cir	3bd/2.5ba	510-280-2156	Susan Grant
Richmond	3657 Park Ridge Dr	4bd/3ba	510-691-1222	Sam Cheng
Richmond	5422-28 Van Fleet	4-PLEX	510-280-2177	Merritt Levine
Richmond	865 Mulberry Pl	4bd/2.5ba	510-691-1222	Sam Cheng
Richmond	518 Grandview Court	3BD/2.5BA	510-612-2441	Nancy Copeland

Rodeo	811 Windward Dr.	4 BD/2 BA	510-384-0995	Terry Kane
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San Leandro			
\$369,000	1400 Carpenter St	2bd/1.5ba	
Open Sun. 2-4:30		510-339-8400	
Montclair Better Homes		Patricia Bennett	

ALAMEDA



349 ANCHOR WAY \$565,000
Ravens Cove Open Sat & Sun 1-4
Desirable one-level 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with
walking paths to the water, pool & clubhouse.
Steve DiGiulio 510-748-1171



1725 NASON STREET \$679,000
West End Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Well kept 3 bedroom, 2 bath Craftsman
at corner location. Large living room and
formal dining room. This is a must see!
Moon Tam 510-747-1620



1715 HIGH STREET \$799,000
East End Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Charming 3+ bedroom, 2 bath Tudor style
home. Freshly painted inside & out. Beautiful
hardwood floors, formal DR & bonus room.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108



3269 CAPE COD COURT \$540,000
Ravens Cove Open Sat & Sun 2-4
One level 2 bedroom, 2 bath town
home with patio, easy access to beach
public transportation and shopping.
Angela McIntyre 510-748-1121



1715 OTIS DRIVE \$829,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
PRICE REDUCTION! Rare ranch style home
on lagoon w/spectacular views. 3 bedroom,
2 bath freshly painted inside & new carpets.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108



1816 OHLONE STREET \$870,000
Marina Cove Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Adaptable 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/
formal rooms, breakfast nook, FP, wood floor,
Berber carpet, garden/play and much MORE!
Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148



1533 PACIFIC AVENUE \$475,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-4
Practically rebuilt with many repairs and
replacements. New bath fixtures, Berber/Pergo
floors, 2 sheds & more! Expansion possibilities.
Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148



1618 ST. CHARLES \$575,000
Central Alameda Open Sat & Sun 2-5
Beautiful 2+ bedroom, 1 bath home with
new paint, hardwood floors and a nice yard.
Darlene Gardner 510-748-1157

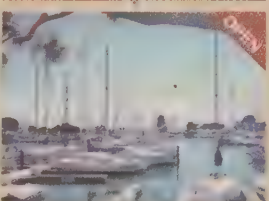
ALAMEDA



2358 CORAL SEA STREET \$1,168,000
Bayport Open Sat & Sun 2-5
2-story home w/spacious kitchen & family
room. Formal living & dining room, 2 fireplaces,
landscaped yard, high ceilings and much more.
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108



1238 VERSAILLES AVENUE \$2,347,000
East End Open Sunday 2-4
First time open! Charming bed & breakfast
w/ elegant guest rooms, kitchen, LR seats 32, deck
seats 44, garden seats 75, upgrades & more!
Evelyn Kennedy 510-748-1120



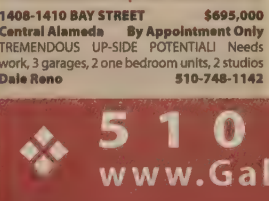
470C COLA BALLENA \$630,000
Ballena Bay Open Sunday 2-4
Marina and Bay Views! Watch the sun set
over the marina from your deck. Delightful
2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with large loft.
Ty Welchhart 510-748-1118



45T CENTRAL AVENUE \$679,000
West End Open Sunday 2-4
Two 1 bedroom units w/lots of upgrades,
updated kitchen, updated bathrooms &
electrical, newer roof, gutters and lots MORE!
Bill & Griselda Bissett 510-748-1108



1408-1410 BAY STREET \$695,000
Central Alameda By Appointment Only
TREMENDOUS UP-SIDE POTENTIAL! Needs
work, 3 garages, 2 one bedroom units, 2 studios
Daie Reno 510-748-1142



1435 WEBSTER STREET \$1,600,000
West End By Appointment Only
Vacant lot mixed use/commercial, huge
potential in amazing West End location.
Jim Collins 510-748-1189

ALAMEDA



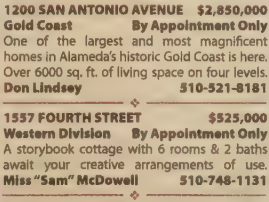
1619 MORELAND DRIVE \$930,000
Fernalde/Edison Area Open Sunday 2-4
Location! Perfect size 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home
w/FP, breakfast nook, family room, plus room,
hardwood floors, craft room and a perfect yard.
Troy Staten 510-748-1125



1605 BUENA VISTA AVENUE \$875,000
Central Alameda Open Sunday 2-4
Luxurious 3-4 bedroom home with \$100K in
upgrades: digital appliances, courtyard, second
patio and MUCH MORE!! Steps to marina & park.
Pacita Dimacali 510-748-1148



1713-1715 9TH STREET \$890,000
West End Open Sunday 2-4
TWO HOUSES ON ONE LOT! This is truly a must
see before they are gone! Great investment!
Alice Garvin 510-748-1116



1200 SAN ANTONIO AVENUE \$2,850,000
Gold Coast By Appointment Only
One of the largest and most magnificent
homes in Alameda's historic Gold Coast is here.
Over 6000 sq. ft. of living space on four levels.
Don Lindsey 510-521-8181



1557 FOURTH STREET \$525,000
Western Division By Appointment Only
A storybook cottage with 6 rooms & 2 baths
await your creative arrangements of use.
Miss "Sam" McDowell 510-748-1131



3237 FAIRVIEW AVENUE \$749,000
Fernalde By Appointment Only
2+ bedroom, 1 bath w/fresh interior paint,
refinished hardwoods, FP, backyard & laundry rm.
James Collins 510-748-1189

ALAMEDA



2529 EAGLE AVENUE \$875,000
East End By Appointment Only
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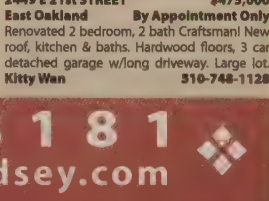
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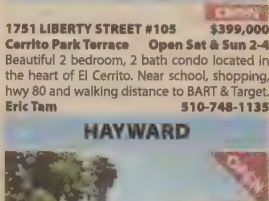


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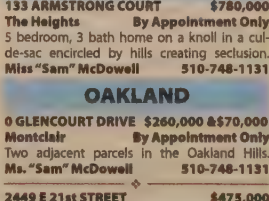
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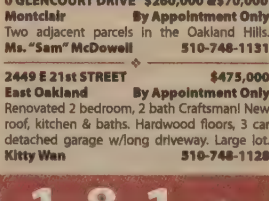
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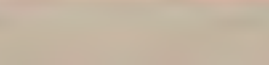


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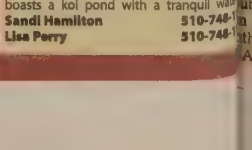
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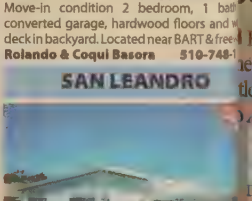


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SPORTS

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Section C

Albany Junior All-Stars win opener

Goodman's
inning home run gives
am lead for good against
Pinole-Hercules

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Albany Junior League All-Stars' Cole Goodman crushed the ball at pitch he saw in the fifth inning Monday. The word "crushed" may be an understatement.

ALL-STARS

The ball sailed over the center-field fence at Albany's Memorial Park, a distance that Albany manager Tim Goodman said was easily over 300 feet. The solo home run lifted host Albany to a lead it would never relinquish, as it defeated Pinole-Hercules 4-1 in the Little League California District 4 Junior League International Tournament.

It was the first home run that Goodman had ever hit at Memorial Park.

"I had no idea it was out," Goodman said. "I wasn't sure if it was a ground-rule double, so I kept running. The third-base coach told me it was out."

The home run gave Albany a 1-0 lead, and that would be enough for starting pitcher Jake Alaniz. He threw a three-hitter with five strikeouts and allowed only an unearned run in the 6 1/2-inning game. Alaniz also retired the first nine batters he faced.

"He did a beautiful job. His changeup was working," Tim Goodman said. "Catcher Jon Cheng did a very good job mixing up the pitches. He called his game."

It was a pitchers' duel until Albany broke the game open with two runs in the sixth inning. Brian Bernard led off with an infield single and moved to second on a walk by Corey Cisney.

When players advanced one base on an error, and with two outs, Santos Jr. walked and advanced to second on a single by Cole Goodman. After a fielder's choice at second base, Cheng hit an RBI single.

But Pinole-Hercules countered with a run in the fourth inning. Mike Mann broke up Alaniz's perfect game with an infield single. He stole second, moved to third on



ALBANY pitcher Jake Alaniz barehanded a ground ball and throws out Pinole-Hercules' Aron Kelley at first base. Alaniz threw a three-hitter in a 4-1 victory on Monday.

a single and scored on an error. Cole Goodman was 2-for-3 in the game, and Cheng was 2-for-4. Pinole-Hercules' pitcher Jeff Oda allowed only seven hits and also hit a double.

"I thought we played well, and I thought they played very well, extremely well defensively," Tim Goodman said. "The biggest thing was the adjustment our hitters made. They became patient. I wanted them to go for the pitch they hit well until they had two strikes, and then all bets are off."

Albany hosted East County Thursday. Results of the game were unavailable at press time.

9-10 ALL-STARS

Albany defeated Walnut Creek No. 2 11-1 Monday in the first round of the California District 4 International Tournament.

Robert Wu allowed one unearned run in three innings on the mound for Albany. Teammate Shan Dhalwal struck out the side

in the fourth inning, and the game in Oakley was called after four innings because of the 10-run rule.

Wu paced Albany with a double and single, as 10 of Albany's 13 batters had at least one hit. The result of Wednesday's game against East County was unavailable at press time.

Albany A's finish second

Pitching, defense carry
team to the Majors
game, where it falls
Antioch West Pirates 2-1

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

Defense and pitching. It's been said that those two components are the cornerstone of successful baseball teams, and Albany A's possessed those qualities. Their season ended Friday with another fine defensive effort in a 2-1 loss to the Antioch West Pirates in the Little League District 4 Major Division Tournament of Champions title game.

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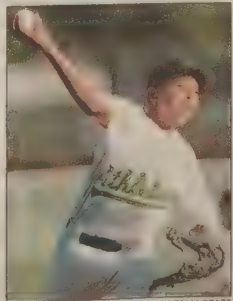
"The guys play very good defense, especially in the infield. It kept pulling us through," Albany manager Joe Supple said. Good pitching also kept the team close Friday. Isaiah Smith took the mound in the second inning in relief of starter Orion Read and limited the Pirates to one run with two hits in the rest of the 5 1/2-inning game in Walnut Creek.

(Smith is) an 11-year-old. He's an excellent job," Supple said. Each team could have 12-year-olds pitch only 12 innings in the tournament, Supple explained, so Smith's performance was critical.

Antioch West (21-3) opened scoring in the first inning when Joe Navilhon hit a two-out double to right field and was driven in by a single to left field by Anthony Borrelli.



ALBANY'S Sam Quady, left, tags out Jerimiah Poti of Antioch West attempting to steal third base in the second inning.



ISAIAH SMITH of Albany held Antioch West to two hits and one run.

in the top of the second inning when Griffin Goetz reached base on an error, advanced to second on a single by Sam Quady and

scored on an error. But Antioch West scored the final, and game-winning, run in the bottom of the third inning.

Kyle Lintz walked and was replaced by pinch runner Nico Aguinaldo. After a bunt by Logan Crump moved Aguinaldo to second, he stole third and scored one pitch later on a double-steal attempt.

Antioch West limited Albany to two hits, a single by Smith in the first inning and Quady's single in the second. The Pirates retired the last eight A's batters, and relief pitcher Navilhon finished the game with four strikeouts in the last two innings.

In the semifinals on June 28, Albany defeated North Oakland 7-1. Daniel Supple allowed no runs in four innings on the mound and struck out eight batters. He also hit two home runs. Smith allowed only an unearned

run in his two innings of pitching. Wells had a two-run single in the second inning.

Albany also shut out Lafayette 3-0 on June 26 in the quarterfinals.

JUNIOR TOC

Nick Greco allowed only three hits in his pitching stint, and everybody in the Beavers' lineup reached base safely at least once as Albany defeated Concord American 10-0 on June 28 to win the championship game of the District 4 Junior League TOC.

The game was called in the fifth inning because of the 10-run rule. Justin Maxwell and Avi Rosenblum led the Beavers at the plate with 3-for-3 performances. Maxwell had two doubles and two RBIs, and Rosenblum scored three runs and had an RBI.

Five Albany players had two hits in the championship victory. Will Rasmussen was 2-for-3 with

two RBIs, and Greco was 2-for-3 with a double. Marco Santos Jr. was also 2-for-3 with a double, and Conrad Petraborg was 2-for-3 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI. Jake Alaniz was 2-for-3 with a run scored.

Santos, a shortstop, had seven putouts in the game including an unassisted double play. A key double play occurred in the fourth inning when Concord American loaded the bases with one out. Miles McCreary started a 5-4-3 double play to end the inning.

The Beavers (18-4-1) were dominant in the tournament, outscoring their three opponents 31-5. They opened the tournament with an 11-1 win over the South Oakland Angels on June 24 and a 10-4 victory over Clayton Valley 10-4 on June 26 in the semifinals. This season was a complete turnaround for the Beavers, who had a record of 2-14 in 2005.

Playing the money game

Youth teams face a big task in raising money to compete in prestigious events a long way from home

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Imagine yourself as an Alameda-Contra Costa Mavericks under-18 boys premier soccer team player preparing for a tournament in Mexico City later this month.

Consider also the Albany-Berkeley Chaos, a soccer team of 15-year-old girls looking to depart for Oslo on July 27 to compete in the prestigious Norway Cup, a tournament that typically attracts 1,500 teams from 40 countries. And think, too, of the young athletes representing Oakland's C.A. Track Club as they look to get to the AAU Junior Olympics in Hampton Roads, Va., July 26-Aug. 5.

For many young athletes, the thought of competing in a prestigious tournament provides both inspiration and an incentive to stick with a sport. Getting to those tournaments often is the tricky part.

Parents, coaches and players often can share rides to local and regional tournaments, with passengers covering such expenses as tolls, gasoline and meals. Tournaments involving airline travel and lodging present a bigger problem.

For the Mavericks premier team, getting to Mexico City — save for the routine tasks of

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FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

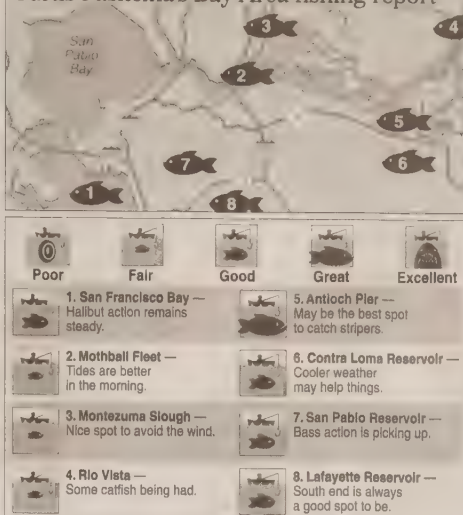
Capt. Robert Gallia of the El Dorado III said overall, the good salmon fishing continued. But it tapered off around the Pt. Reyes area and Chimney Rock Buoy, as the salmon moved into Drake's Bay and south to Double Point. The Berkeley Salmon fleet caught some limits as they followed the salmon, which migrated down the coast. The fish were up to 31 pounds, with a good mix of 10-to-20 pounders. The salmon were feeding on large concentrations of sardines at the surface. Trolling continues to be the preferred method as the moochers are not producing consistent results.

On Sunday, Capt. Joey Gallia aboard the New Easy Rider scored 30 salmon up to 31 pounds for his 20-plus anglers. On Monday and Tuesday, the area around Rocky Point turned on as the salmon moved into 60 feet of water to feed on anchovies and sardines. Many coho were mixed in with the king salmon. The top score for Tuesday was 30 fish, weighing up to 26 pounds for 18 anglers. The fleet averaged 1.1 1/2 fish per rod.

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the Bay Area salmon fleet have continued to have good action off the Marin County coastline from Rocky Point to Pt. Reyes. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, five boats reported in with collectively 68 salmon to 25 pounds for their combined 65 anglers aboard. All boats are trolling anchovies. Stone said on Tuesday out of Emeryville, two boats reported in with a combined 44 limits of rockfish, also adding 10 ling cod to 16 pounds. Anglers were using mostly shrimp flies, bars and live anchovies.

Diana Nunez of Berkeley sportfishing.com reported the start of rock cod and ling cod season was successful. From Saturday to Tuesday, Capt. Quan Vo and the

Curtis Pashelka's Bay Area fishing report



Golden Eye 2000 caught a combined 955 rock cod and 174 ling cod fishing Pt. Reyes and the Farallon Islands. The ling cod weighed up to 27 pounds. Saturday, the Halli with Capt. Bert Nakao fished the Farallon Islands, where the 40 anglers caught limits of rock cod (400) and 10 ling cod up to 12 pounds.

Capt. Trung Vo of the New Golden Eye fished the Farallons from Saturday to Tuesday, catching 1,450 rock cod, 28 ling cod up to 15 pounds, four halibut up to 18 pounds and two salmon up to 8 pounds.

On Monday, the Happy Hooker with Capt. Jim Smith fished along the Marin Coast. The 29 anglers pulled in limits of rock cod averaging 4 pounds and 29 limits of ling cod up to 22-24

pounds. On Tuesday they caught 15 limits of stripers up to 32 pounds, including a 30-pounder caught by Jim Lewis of Rodeo. Smith said all the bass were at least 12-14 pounds.

THE BAYS

SAN FRANCISCO: On Sunday, Nakao fished the Berkeley Flats, where the halibut action remained steady. The 19 anglers aboard caught 13 halibut weighing up to 15 pounds. A day later Nakao had five anglers fishing the Berkeley Flats area and caught seven halibut weighing up to 20 pounds and two bass up to 10 pounds.

James Smith of the charter boat California Dawn has split his time between the Farallon Islands, Marin Coast and Angel Island the last three days. From Monday to Wednesday, anglers caught a

combined 722 rock cod, 105 ling cod, 21 striped bass, including a 31-pound bass caught by Alameda's Pat Duffy, and nine halibut. They also caught and released about 20 coho salmon.

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported fair fishing this week with the winds still a hindrance to anglers. The minus tides could affect launching at the Martinez Marina. Best time is to be in the water by 7 a.m., which sets anglers up for the best fishing of the day during a strong incoming tide. Very few fish were caught over the last week as only three sturgeon, a catfish and a striped were reported. Again, more stripers were caught from the shoreline and pier. Grass shrimp is by far the best bait.

Charles Smith of Martinez caught a 47- and a 48-inch sturgeon at the Martinez Pier. Stephen Wright and Santiago caught and released a 72-inch sturgeon at the Glomar on grass shrimp. Randy Hedrick, also of Martinez Bait, caught and released a 2.25-pound catfish and an 18-inch striped just outside of the harbor on grass shrimp.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fishing for rainbow trout is excellent, as guided groups caught between 15-40 fish on most days. The average size was from 12-18 inches, with several trout over 20 inches. They were using Stone Flies, Micro Mayflies, Pheasant Tail No. 16, Bead Head Copper Johns Nos. 14-16 and egg patterns.

FEATHER RIVER, OROVILLE: Portocarrero said salmon fishing has been slow, with low water levels playing a huge factor. They are catching a few salmon at the outlet. Feather River fishing will improve when water rises.

THE DELTA

Scott Dwyer of Gotchal Bait

and Tackle said the Antioch Pier has been the best spot to catch stripers over the past week. That's where David Velasco caught a 12.75-pounder on anchovies. Jorge Oseguera caught a 4.25- and a 3-pound black bass on rubber worms at Orwood's Resort. Tom and Joe Widger caught a 14- and a 11.5-pound salmon on anchovies at Pt. Reyes, and Freddy Garcia and Marco Navarro combined to catch a 5-pound catfish on grass shrimp at Rio Vista.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot said several limits of trout have been caught this week. Early morning anglers are doing well near Alder Point and by the dam. Lake Chabot won't get any more trout plants until the water cools down. Bass action is getting better every week. Several bass were pulled out this past week were in the 2-pound range. Most bass anglers are using crankbaits and plastic worms, with some of the hot spots being Alder Point, Bass Cove and the island.

Fishing for catfish is the best way to keep busy during the summer months. Catfish tend to hang out in shallow areas with the best places to try being first dock and in Honker Bay. Many limits are being reported caught early in the morning and late at night. The best time to catch catfish is at night. Anglers are using mackerel and chicken livers. About 1,500 pounds of catfish have already been planted so far this year.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Trout fishing is slowing down with the warmer weather. The best chance to catch trout is with chicken liver or night-crawlers. The bass and crappie are starting to bite. Those fishing for bass are doing well using spinner baits and plastics. There has been quite a few keeper size bass caught of late, including a 12-pounder netted at the main

recreation area. The best place to catch crappie is the boat launch area. Use waxworms or night-crawlers or crappie jigs in white/red, white/black or white/green.

Catching catfish is the best this time of year. They are biting on chicken livers and anchovies. A few bluegill are being had and there, but nothing notable. Try mini jigs or night worms.

LOS VAQUEROS, BREMEN WOOD: Since the weather cooled off, the trout bite has improved. Trollers have found success in a little closer to the shore than in weeks and months past. Trolling past Oak Point the rock wall has been producing this week. The depths you need to be at vary, but start closer to the surface in the morning and fish a bit further out as the day increases.

Warmer weather has increased the minnow population which has spurred on the bass catch. Boaters are doing well in Peninsula Cove and near the sunken oak trees north of the rock wall. Shore anglers are doing well on both sides of the rock wall. Rat-L-Trap and spinner bait have worked well. A nice stringer of kokanee salmon came in two weeks ago weighing a combined 12.67 pounds. The largest, at just 5 pounds, was caught by No. Higashi and Tim Nakamoto at a boat near the dam using plastic worms.

Jesse Guymon of Livermore caught a 3.5-pound king salmon using a Rainbow Rapala in a north of the marina. Anthony Court of Pleasanton caught a 9.63-pound channel catfish in a boat near the dam using a lure, and Ferne Watt of San caught a 7.65-pound striped bass from a boat along the east side using a Cripp lure.

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To submit an item to the What's Happening calendar, e-mail asports@cc-times.com to request a form. Put "What's Happening" in the subject line. Nonprofit organizations only. You may be asked to submit a copy of your 1099 or 501(c)(3) to verify nonprofit status. Entries are edited for content and are published as space is available.

BASEBALL

East Bay Lookouts — Looking for 11-13 year old serious baseball players for fall tournament teams. Tryouts Aug. 5, Contact: Gil Manzanarez, 510-552-5450, www.eastbaylookouts.com.

Oakland A's — Dave Henderson Summer Baseball Camp for children ages 8-12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 7-11 at Caldecott Tunnel Fields, Oakland. Contact: 877-993-7338, <http://hendersonbaseball.com/asyc/asyc.html>.

NorCal Rebels Baseball — The NorCal Rebels 13U traveling baseball team is holding tryouts for the upcoming season for boys ages 12 and younger. Plays in USSSA Super Series and BPA leagues. Looking for first and third base, pitcher and catcher. Tournament experience preferred. Contact: 925-765-6497, www.eteamz.com/NorCalRebels.

FSN Bay Area/Emerald Snacks Baseball Skills Clinic — Headed by Bishop O'Dowd High School Coach Kyriacou and staff, and former MLB players Mike Norris and Bob Roberts. Open to all children ages 9-12. San Francisco, July 8; Cupertino, Aug. 12. Free, 300 spots available per clinic. Contact: 415-705-0900, www.fsnbayarea.com.

BASKETBALL

Albany High Boys Basketball — Cougar Basketball Camp 2006 for boys entering grades 7-11. July 31-Aug. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Albany High School, 603 Kay Route Blvd., Albany. \$180. Contact: Doug Kagawa, 510-525-5047, kagawaAHS@comcast.net.

Cal Women's Basketball — "California Girls Basketball Camps," July 10-27, Haas Pavilion, Cal campus. Schedule: Day Camp 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 10-13, grades 4-12, \$325 per camper; and Junior Club Camp, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 24-27, grades K-6, \$325 per camper. 510-642-9448.

ROWING

Summer Youth Rowing — One-week sessions for boys and girls ages 12-18, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m. July 10 on Lake Merritt at the Old Boathouse, 1520 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. www.rowlake-merritt.org/events

SOCCER

St. Mary's Women's Soccer — Elite camp for high school student-athletes July 31-Aug. 4. Coached by SMC head women's soccer coach Kelly Lindsey. Contact: Kelly Lindsey, 925-878-9218, kat11@stmarys-ca.edu, <http://www.stmarys-ca.edu/athletics/summercamps.html>.

Challenger Sports — Challenger British Soccer Camp, Aug. 7-11. Amelia Earhart Elementary, 400 Packet Landing Road, Alameda. First Kicks, 9-10 a.m. or 5-6 p.m. \$57; Mini-Soccer, 10 a.m.-noon or 6-8 p.m. \$82; Half Day Camp, 9 a.m.-noon or 6-8 p.m. \$111; Full Day Camp, 9 a.m.-noon or 5-8 p.m. \$145. Contact: 866-254-8304, www.challengersports.com.

Challenger Sports — West Contra Costa Youth Soccer League is hosting the Challenger British Soccer Camp at Pinole Valley East Soccer Fields, 3790 Pinole Valley Road, Aug. 7-11. Mini-Soccer, 9-10:30 a.m. or 10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m., \$70; Half Day Camp, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m., \$105; Team Camp, 5-8 p.m., \$1,050. Contact: 510-758-0840, www.challengersports.com.

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Academics Basketball — Hiring head coaches for girls' lacrosse, softball, and diving as well as position coaches for freshman and JV football. Contact: Randy Takahashi, 925-280-3970 ext. 7388.

College Park High School — Looking for head coaches for cross country, track, and varsity JV softball. Contact: Brad Tibbs, 925-682-7670 ext. 3226, tubbsb@mdusd.k12.ca.us.

De Anza High School — Seeking coaches for the 2006-07 school year. Head coaches for JV girls volleyball, varsity girls water polo, JV boys soccer, varsity and JV baseball, JV softball, varsity track and field, and JV boys volleyball. Assistant coach for varsity softball. Contact: Jason Krolkowski, 510-223-3811 ext. 2535, daathletics@aol.com, www.deanzaathletics.com.

Money

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packing and arriving at the airport on time — will be a relatively worry-free proposition.

"This tournament is a competition that is sponsored by Mexicana Airlines," says coach Robert Sackey, whose team qualified for the trip by winning a Mexicana-sponsored regional qualifying tournament earlier this year.

"We earned (our place in the Mexico City tournament)," Sackey says, "so the players and coaches get a free airline ticket."

The Albany-Berkeley Chaos girls' team of the Norway Cup on their Web site, www.go-chaos.org, where the team seeks donations and sponsorships to cover or defray costs. The team looks to raise \$20,000. Because it is a nonprofit organization, all donations are tax-deductible.

As in the case of teams from other clubs, Sackey says his under-18 boys and other teams under the Alameda-Contra Costa Youth Soccer League umbrella are no strangers to long trips. Very rarely is there a tournament sponsor that covers most or all costs as in the case of the Mexico City tournament. But special people can make a big difference.

"We happen to be very lucky that we have a team manager who does a lot of sponsoring through his company," Sackey says.

The prospect of transporting different teams from one club to various tournaments is both costly and daunting. Usually, just getting one team to its destination — especially a team started from scratch — is a major task

HOW TO HELP

Businesses and individuals looking to help the C.A. Track Club get to the AAU Junior Olympics — or any future event — can contact club coach and founder Jamal Cooks at 510-708-0344 or at [jmalcooks@aol.com](mailto:jamalcooks@aol.com).

The Albany-Berkeley Chaos girls' soccer team also needs help in its quest to get to the Norway Cup. The team is looking for "corporate" sponsorships of at least \$5,000 and "team supporter" donations of at least \$1,000. The team also appreciates donations in any other amounts. Questions can be directed to Lori Schweitzer at lschweitzer@bksocal.com.

— Mike McGreehan

in itself.

Just ask Lafayette's John Sallay.

Eight years ago, Sallay helped organize a regional "all-star" team of first-year college players and 1998 high school graduates to play matches against European youth squads. The Bay Area all-stars played matches in Germany and England, though the big highlight was the time spent in France to catch some of that year's World Cup.

"I spent a solid year setting up that trip," Sallay says. "There was a lot of letter-writing and phone calls."

Sallay's persistence paid off as the trip was a bargain for the team and all connected to it.

"The only expense the boys had were their meals — and the boys didn't have to pay for all of those as we were the guests of Paris St. Germain (a French soccer club)," Sallay says. "Then, of

course, the boys had their personal expenses (such as souvenirs)."

The C.A. Track Club isn't going to Europe or any destination outside the United States. Still, getting to an East Coast venue is a pricey proposition for a contingent that includes nine competitors.

"Each kid is \$1,000," C.A. coach Jamal Cooks says. "The airline fare is about \$450 each and the rent-a-car is \$1,000, not including gas. Hotels are about \$100 a night double occupancy."

Cooks and assistant coach Aliya Dibrell, who also doubles as C.A. Track Club coordinator, took a group of athletes to last year's Junior Olympics in New Orleans (just weeks before Hurricane Katrina hit). But every year brings new challenges. C.A. athletes, for their part, help with fund-raising. The club, for instance, held a crab feed in March and had a raffle at the start of the last school year. An Oakland law firm and two individuals have provided some additional help.

"We've raised about \$3,000," Cooks says, "but you have to remember that we have a budget of about \$20,000 because we also run indoor (during the winter) and had (an AAU) qualifying meet in Tulare. Every trip, there's a participation fee of \$5-35 per entry. It's easy to see how we get depleted."

Fund raising is an ongoing thing for other youth teams, too. Chaos players, for instance, have organized car washes, garage sales and candy sales.

These activities, Sallay says, never should get pushed aside — even while looking for donations

and sponsorships.

"The more (fund-raising activities) they can do, the more players feel they have an ownership of the team," Sallay says. "I would stress the importance of this."

The C.A. Track Club is among those organizations rising to the challenge.

"We do whatever we can," Cooks says. "We go wash cars. If anyone ever needs a visit to Children's Hospital, do it. If somebody gave, we'll show our gratitude how we can. This track thing is a little, not just something we supposed to do."

Despite all this, it also helps to have a parent or someone in the club who knows thing or two about getting donations and sponsorships.

"You need a manager to take the needs of the team off the field," Sallay says. "For anyone to be the coach and manager, asking for disaster — unless you can walk on water."

Sallay suggests sending appeals for donations on a letterhead to lend "more seriousness and legitimacy" to the effort.

Energy and perseverance are keys to raising money for youth sports teams.

"If anybody is looking for money for a worthy cause, have to put a lot of iron in the fire because you get a lot of downs," Sallay says.

Recalling the trip to Europe to eight summers ago, Sallay says effort was exhausting but bit successful.

"It was a work of love," Sallay says, "but if you put your heart in it, you can't help but succeed."

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OW PLAYING

INCONVENIENT TRUTH: Al Gore's PowerPoint presentation on global warming sounds like it might be a snoozer, but it's actually a frightful wake-up call. Too bad the documentary focuses only on Gore, leaving opening the issue up for others to voice their support. — R. Myers. (G: mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 11 minutes. B

ARMY OF SHADOWS: Almost 33 years since the great French filmmaker Jean-Pierre Melville's death, this stylized war film is finally restored and released for American art-house audiences. The scene is southern France, in and around Marseilles, in 1942 and '43. A resistance cell is trying, mostly, to survive. — S. Hunter. (Not rated.) 2 hours, 45 minutes. B+

BEOWULF & GRENDL: An adaptation of the epic poem about a brave hero who comes to the rescue of a Danish king. This Canada-U.K.-co-produced production plays it safe, avoiding the violence in control. The film is the made-up dialogue. — R. Arnold. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B

THE BREAK-UP: All that's missing from this romantic comedy is the romance. And the comedy. Probable life couple Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn play a pair who refuse to give up their fabulous condo, even if the relationship ends. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sexual content, some nudity, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C

CARS: A flashy race car (voiced by John Wilson) gets stuck in a dead-end town and learns that life in the lane isn't all that special. Clever, funny and crammed with great visuals and characters, Pixar's latest animation creation is this summer's joy for all ages. — R. Myers. (G) 1 hour, 56 minutes. A

CLICK: A messy, unfunny blend of "A Wonderful Life" and "The War of the Worlds" with Adam Sandler as a alcoholic dad using a magical remote to get at the good parts of life. Poorly written and rated to boot. — R. Myers. (PG-13: language, crude sex-related humor, some drug references.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C

THE DA VINCI CODE: Director Ron Howard's capable interpretation of Dan Brown's ballyhooed novel is a truly satisfying religious thriller. Tom Hanks is all wrong as a professor who investigates a murder at the Louvre and uncovers a religious conspiracy. But Ian McKellen as a scholar

chum and Paul Bettany as a tortured monk provide just the right touch. — R. Myers. (PG-13: disturbing images, violence, some nudity, thematic material, brief drug references and sexual content.) 2 hours, 33 minutes. C+

"THE DEATH OF MR. LAZARESCU": This thorny masterpiece by Romanian director Cristi Puiu charts the grueling ordeal of a 62-year-old patient brought from his shabby apartment to four unwelcoming city hospitals, his condition deteriorating all the while. — S. Holden. (R: nudity, strong language.) 2 hours, 33 minutes. B+

"THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA": A plucky new assistant (Anne Hathaway) with unfortunate fashion sense gets dressed down royally by her wicked new boss (Meryl Streep). This charming bit of froth works primarily because of Streep. There's not a seam showing in her flawless performance. — R. Myers. (PG: some sensuality.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B

"THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS: TOKYO DRIFT": Sean (Lucas Black) is sent to Tokyo after wrecking one Monte Carlo too many, likewise vexing his single mom. He's meant to live with his Navy dad, to absorb the culture. For no logical reason, this V-8 chauvinist is given the keys to a rich Chinese guy's cars and gets into "drifting," a high-speed local pastime. — R. Moore. (PG-13: reckless and illegal behavior involving teens, violence, language, sexual content.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. C

"GARFIELD: A TAIL OF TWO KITTIES": Looks better than the previous Garfield movie, but it's still strange to see a computer-animated puss interact with adults (Jennifer Love Hewitt and Breckin Meyer). Garfield travels to England where he's mistreated for a British prince. — C. Hewitt. (PG: naughty humor.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. C

"THE HEART OF THE GAME": This inspiring, heartwarming documentary winnily chronicles seven years in the life of a Seattle girls basketball team. The eccentric coach and his talented star player each face their own set of challenges on the court. — R. Myers. (PG-13: brief strong language.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B+

"KEEPING UP WITH THE STEINS": This sitcom masquerading as a movie amusingly follows the planning of a bar mitzvah. Lots of kvetching among family members, with tidy so-

lutions. The cast, especially Jeremy Piven and Jami Gertz, is fine but the script ho-hum. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some crude language, nudity, brief drug references.) 1 hour, 24 minutes. C+

"LADY VENGEANCE": The third installment of Park Chan-Wook's revenge trilogy starts out as fun pulp and ends up violent and seedy. It's the sad story of a woman wrongly convicted as a child murderer. We meet her upon release from prison, where she spent 13 years plotting her revenge. — W. Morris. (R: strong violent content, some sexuality, in Korean with subtitles.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B+

"THE LAKE HOUSE": Old-fashioned movie romance is alive and well, thanks to this touching tale about pen pals separated in time. You can't help but fall for this movie and the lovebirds played by Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves. — R. Myers. (PG: some language, a disturbing image.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B+

"LEMMING": This moody French thriller is a twisted tale that unfolds too slowly for much dramatic impact, yet entertains with creepy atmosphere. The characters live in a sleek, modern French suburb. When Alain's boss drops by for dinner one night with his wife, things get sticky. (Not rated: sexuality, language, violence, in French with subtitles.) 2 hours, 7 minutes. C

"M:III": Super agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) returns for his most accomplished big-screen mission yet, going after a deadly arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Loaded with intense action, snappy writing and great performances. Nearly loses control at the end, but not quite. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of violence and menace, disturbing images, some sexuality.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. B+

"THE MOSTLY UNFABULOUS SOCIAL LIFE OF ETHAN GREEN": Based on a comic strip, this energetic and sexy comedy plays like a gay "Sex and the City" episode. A commitment phobe tries to stop his ex-boyfriend from selling the home he's living in. Not fabulous, but engaging. — R. Myers. (R: strong sexual content and language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B-

"MRS. PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT": Joan Plowright is a widow who moves to London in search of

culture and the company of her only grandson. But the elegant hotel she anticipated turns out to be a shabby pensioners home, and the grandson a no-show. Then she falls into an unlikely friendship with an aspiring writer a quarter her age. — C. Chocano. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. C

"NACHO LIBRE": Jack Black takes his talent for physical comedy to the mat in this zany offering from the director of "Napoleon Dynamite." As a cook turned Mexican wrestler, Black is a hoot, allowing us to forgive "Nacho's" rough patches. — R. Myers. (PG: some rough action, crude humor, including dialogue.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B

"THE OMEN": In this stylish remake of the 1976 horror classic, Liev Schreiber and Julia Stiles play the luckless host parents of Satan's spawn. Mia Farrow is devilishly delicious as a Mary Poppins gone homicidal. Better than the original. — R. Myers. (R: disturbing violent content, graphic images, some language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. B+

"OVER THE HEDGE": The 'burbs get irreverently roasted in this peppy animated feature that avoids being another "Shrek" rip-off. A gang of woodland critters (voiced by Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling and Wanda Sykes, among others) tries to make peace with the growing suburbia next door. — R. Myers. (PG: some rude humor, mild comic action.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. B

"PEACEFUL WARRIOR": An insufferably long new-age ditty about an arrogant UC Berkeley gymnast who learns to master the ropes of his life. Poorly written and acted, saved only by a sometimes-cool visual style. With Nick Nolte as a cosmic philosopher. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sensuality, sex references, accident scenes.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. D+

"A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION": This wistful, nostalgic drama radiates with life, even though it deals with loss in many forms. Director Robert Altman and screenwriter Garrison Keillor make a wonderful team, offering up a loving homage to the resiliency of the Midwest spirit and old-time radio. — R. Myers. (PG-13: risqué humor.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"THE PROPOSITION": Kill your crazy older brother so your younger one can live. That's the moral

OPENING TODAY

"THE HIDDEN BLADE" (R)
A low-ranking samurai seeks the counsel of a mighty master when he's ordered to kill an ex-friend.

"PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST" (PG-13)
Johnny Depp returns as the roguish pirate Jack Sparrow, this time on the hunt for the heart of the legendary pirate Davy Jones. Keira Knightley and Orlando Bloom co-star.

"A SCANNER DARKLY" (R)
Richard Linklater adapts a Philip K. Dick sci-fi novel about an undercover cop (Keanu Reeves) spying on his friends in a futuristic war on drugs. Melds live-action photography with animation.

"STRANGERS WITH CANDY" (R)
Amy Sedaris reprises her comedic role as a 47-year-old junkie who returns home after being a longtime runaway. A prequel to the Comedy Central series.

quandary faced by an 1880s desperado (Guy Pearce) in this blood-soaked, risk-taking Western set in the outback. Screenplay by indie musician Nick Cave. — R. Myers. (R: strong, grisly violence, language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. A-

"THE ROAD TO GUANTANAMO": A trip to Pakistan turns into a nightmare for three British Muslims who travel to Afghanistan and wind up being held, without being charged, and tortured for more than two years at the Guantanamo prison. The men's searing testimony make up part of this searing docudrama. — R. Myers. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B+

"SUPERMAN RETURNS": It's big, brawny and, best of all, introspective. Welcome to the new "Superman," directed with reverence and refreshing insight by Bryan Singer (the first two "X-Men" movies). Newcomer Brandon Routh wears the cape well, but everyone in the cast is dynamite. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some intense action violence.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. A-

"THANK YOU FOR SMOKING": Persuasive Big Tobacco spinmeister Nick (Aron Eckhart) is the amoral center of this clever, rambunctious satire that skewers everything from D.C. to Hollywood. — R. Myers. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. B+

"WAIST DEEP": This hip, hard genre picture begins well, but quickly gets in over its head. An old school Los Angeles "gangsta" film, it's about a "Clyde" (Tyrese Gibson) suckered by a "Bonnie" (Meagan Good), teaming

"WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR?" (PG)
Framed as a mystery, this documentary probes the untimely demise of General Motors' electric vehicle line. Directed by Bay Area native Chris Paine.

"WASSUP ROCKERS" (R)
"Kids" director Larry Clark traces the lives of a group of Los Angeles skateboarders.

Coming soon

"YOU, ME AND DUPREE" (PG-13)
Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson are newlyweds just settling in when the carefree Dupree (Owen Wilson) comes for an extended visit. (July 14)

"MIAMI VICE" (R)
Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx star in this feature based on the hit '80s TV show about undercover cops Crockett and Tubbs. (July 28)

up with her to try to free his son, who has been taken hostage after a car-jacking she helped set up. — R. Moore. (R: strong violence, pervasive language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

"THE WAR TAPES": Five civilian soldiers film their candid experiences while serving as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. An important, necessary documentary that illuminates the realities along with the emotions of the men in combat, along with those they have left behind. Powerful and humbling. — R. Myers. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A-

"WORDPLAY": The crossword geniuses in this well-crafted documentary include such celebrity solvers as Jon Stewart and Bill Clinton, as well as the less-famous participants in the annual crossword championship. Watching people work puzzles doesn't sound like fun, but it is, particularly in the beat-the-clock solve-off that whittles three finalists down to a champ. — C. Hewitt. (PG: profanity, mild thematic elements.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B+

"X-MEN: THE LAST STAND": Punctuated with wows, this sequel will be a relief to fans worried about Bryan Singer handing the directing reins to Brett Ratner ("Rush Hour"). Hugh Jackman once again stands out among the stellar cast: Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Ian McKellen. The premise? A possible cure for mutancy. — R. Myers. (PG-13: intense sequences of action violence, some sexual content, language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. B+

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Nowtimes for Friday July 7

Alameda County

Albany Twin
1185 Solano Ave. Albany 510-464-5980
• **Prairie Home Companion** (PG) 10:30, 12:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
• **Wordplay** (PG) 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:25

AMC Bay Street 16
1193 Shellmound St. Emeryville 510-457-4262
• **Inconvenient Truth** (PG) 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10:40, 12:40
• **The Break-Up** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10:40, 12:40
• **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10:40, 12:40
• **The Lake House** (PG) 10:45, 1:05, 2:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10:40, 12:40
• **Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) 11:20, 12:45, 4:15, 7, 9:45, 12:05

California Theatre
713 Kirtland St. Berkeley 510-464-5980
• **Inconvenient Truth** (PG) 12:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10:40, 12:40
• **Strangers With Candy** (R) 12:30, 2:35, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

Chabot Space & Science Center
1000 Skyline Blvd. Oakland 510-336-7300
Theatre for movies and times.

Elmwood 3
1000 College Ave. Berkeley 510-649-0530
• **Keeping Up With the Steins** (PG-13) 10:30, 12:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30
• **The Lake House** (PG) 5:05, 7:15, 9:20, 11:25, 1:45, 3:55, 6:05, 8:15, 10:25, 12:30
• **Thank You for Smoking** (R) 7:25, 9:15

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
100 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
• **Click** (PG-13) 11:35, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
• **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10:40, 12:40
• **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7, 10
• **Superman Returns** (PG-13) 12:30, 4, 7, 10

Shuks Theatre
100 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-528-1836
• **The Break-Up** (PG-13) 2:15, 7:45, 9:15
• **Click** (R) 5, 7:30
• **Wrecked: A Tail of Two Kitties** (PG) 10, 4:45

Workway Speakeasy Theatre
100 Park Blvd. Oakland 510-814-2400
• **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) 6
• **The Lake House** (PG) 7
• **Thank You for Smoking** (R) 9:45

• **X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13) 9:15

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave. Oakland 510-464-5980
• **An Inconvenient Truth** (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
• **A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) 11:45, 2, 4:15, 6:45, 9
• **Wordplay** (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:20

Regal Jack London
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
• **Cars** (G) 12:30, 3:20, 6:45, 9:40
• **Click** (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:20
• **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
• **Nacho Libre** (PG) 2:40, 5, 7:50, 10, 12:20
• **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) 12:15, 1, 3:45, 4:30, 7:15, 8, 10:45
• **Superman Returns** (PG-13) 12, 1:10, 3:30, 4:40, 7, 8:15, 10:30
• **Waist Deep** (R) 11:45, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
• **Army of Shadows** (Not Rated) 2:30, 5:30, 8:20
• **Cars** (G) 12:50, 3:25, 6:55, 9:30
• **Click** (PG-13) 1, 3:20, 5:40, 8, 10:10
• **The Hidden Blade** (R) 2:10, 5, 8:10
• **Nacho Libre** (PG) 12:45, 3, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40
• **Peaceful Warrior** (PG-13) 1:50, 9:45
• **The Road to Guantanamo** (R) 4:30, 7:05
• **The War Tapes** (Not Rated) 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
• **Wassup Rockers** (R) 2, 4:25, 7, 9:25
• **Water** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
• **Who Killed the Electric Car?** (PG) 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:35

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-468-1852
• **The Break-Up** (PG-13) 5
• **The Da Vinci Code** (PG-13) 5
• **The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13) 10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 4, 5, 6:45, 7:45, 9:30, 10:30, 12
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• **Superman Returns** (PG-13) 9:45, 10:40, 1, 1:50, 4:15, 7:30, 8:15, 10:45, 11:30

United Artists Emery Bay Stadium 10
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107
• **Click** (PG-13) 11, 12, 1:30, 2:30, 4, 5, 7:15, 8, 9:50, 10:30
• **The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10:10
• **Nacho Libre** (PG) 11:15, 12:45, 1:45, 3:15, 4, 5:30, 6:10, 7:40, 8:30, 10, 10:40
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• **Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13) 12, 3:45, 7:30

Rheem All Stadium 4
350 Park St. Moraga 925-988-3411
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West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
• **Cars** (G) 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55
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San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
• **The Break-Up** (PG-13) 2:45, 8:15
• **Cars** (G) 12:40, 3:30, 7:05, 9:45
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POPULAR MUSIC

■ **924 Gilman St.** — All ages welcome. The Phenomenauts, Onion Flavored Rings, Ghenghis Khan, Los Creepers, Sweet Nothing, July 7. Verbal Abuse, Decry, America's Dirty Thirties, Sahn Maru, Timpers Gore, July 8. \$6. Mister Loveless Monologues, The Tuesday Club, Space Vacuum from Outer Space, July 9. \$6. Walken, Ragweed, A Sleeping Irony, 100 Suns, 6 Billion Dead, July 14. Lights Out, Ceremony, Short Fuse, Phantom Pains, A.N.S., Time's Up, July 15. \$7. \$5 unless otherwise noted. Shows start Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-525-9926, www.924gilman.org.

■ **Albatross Pub** — Whiskey Brothers, Ongoing. Old-time and bluegrass. First and third Wednesdays of every month. Free. Carolyn Chung Jazz Trio, July 8. \$3. Jazz Function, July 13. \$3. Shows begin Wednesday, 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1822 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-843-2473, www.albatrosspub.com.

■ **Ashkenaz** — Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, July 7, 9:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: East Coast Swing lesson. \$11-\$13. Asheba, July 9, 3 p.m. This Reggae veteran brings children and their families into the joyous world of Caribbean music. \$4-\$6. Subconscious, July 9, 11 p.m. 8 p.m.: Swamp Coolers, July 11, 8:30 p.m. 8 p.m.: Cajun dance lesson. Daby Touré, July 12, 9:30 p.m. \$16. "Ancient Vision: A Dancehall Reggae Showcase," July 13, 9:30 p.m. Featuring, Ayoub, Fikri Amlak, Ras Popo and many others. 10. Minkus, Minus Vince, Speakeasy, Protocol, July 14, 8 p.m. \$9. African Highlife Band, Shumba Youth Marimba Ensemble, July 15, 9:30 p.m. 9 p.m.: African dance lesson. \$15. Frederick Hodges, July 16, 2-5 p.m. \$10. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-525-5054, www.ashkenaz.com.

■ **Berkeley Community Theatre** — Dashboard Confessional, Say Anything, Ben Lee, July 12, 7:30 p.m. \$30. Foo Fighters, Timmy Curran, July 13 through July 14, 8 p.m. \$82.75-\$45.25. 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley.

■ **DownTown Restaurant** — Jim Grantham Trio, July 7. Carl Sonny Leyland Trio, July 8. Yaelisa and Gaminos Flamencos, July 14 and July 15. Free unless otherwise noted. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810, www.downtownrestaurant.com.

■ **Freight And Salvage** — Audrey Auld Mezera and Nina Gerber, July 7. \$17.50-\$18.50. John Keawe, July 8. \$18.50-\$19.50. Eric Bibb, July 9.

\$18.50-\$19.50. Houston Jones, July 12. \$17.50-\$18.50. Rory Block, July 13. \$18.50-\$19.50. Sisters Morales, July 14. \$18.50-\$19.50. The Laura Love Duo with Jen Todd, July 15. \$18.50-\$19.50. John Renbourn, July 16. \$19.50-\$20.50. Music starts at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-548-1761, www.freightandsalvage.org.

■ **Greek Theatre** — Widespread Panic, July 7 through July 8, 8 p.m. \$37.50. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-548-3010, www.apecconcerts.com.

■ **La Pena Cultural Center** — Forrofiando, July 7, 9 p.m. \$12. Jose Roberto and Friends present "America en Mi Sangre," July 8, 8:30 p.m. Guest artists include Rosa Los Santos, Lalo Izquierdo and Marina La Valle. \$13-\$15. Son de Madera, July 14, 8 p.m. \$12-\$14. "From Pa to the Bay," July 15, 9 p.m. An evening of reggae, dancehall and hip hop. \$7-\$12. Domingo de Rumba, July 16, 3:30 p.m. Free. La Nueva Trova Alternativa, July 16, 7:30 p.m. \$5. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-849-2568, www.lapena.org.

■ **Oakland City Center** — "Oakland City Center's Summer Sounds Series," through Aug. 30. Noon-1 p.m. A free lunchtime summer concert series. July 12: Starboard Watch performs sea shanty music. Free. City Square Plaza, 500 12th St. at Clay Street, Oakland. www.oaklandcitycenter.com.

■ **Shattuck Down Low** — "Live Salsa," Ongoing. An evening of dancing to the music of a live salsa band. The night opens with beginning lessons at 8 p.m. and intermediate lessons at 8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, 8 p.m. \$5-\$10. "Bay Blasters," July 14, 9:30 p.m. Featuring Ryan Greene, Infinite and Soulati. \$7. For ages 21 and older. 2284 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-548-1159, www.shattuckdownlow.com.

■ **Starry Plough Pub** — The Starry Irish Music Session led by Shay Black, Ongoing. Sundays, 8 p.m. Sliding scale. For ages 21 and over unless otherwise noted. Sunday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082, www.starryploughpub.com.

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■ **Wente Vineyards** — Kenny Loggins, July 11. \$89-\$249. The Temptations, The Four Tops, July 13. \$79-\$239. Concerts at 8:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. 925-458-2400, www.wentevineyards.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Yoshi's** — Diane Schuur, July 7 through July 9. \$5-\$22. Roomful of Blues, July 10. \$10-\$16. Andre Bush, July 11. A Jeff Beck tribute performance. \$10-\$14. Patrice Rushen, July 12, 8 p.m. A benefit for Young Musicians Project. \$30. Hiroshima, July 13 through July 16. \$5-\$24. Shows are Monday through Saturday, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. 510-238-9200, www.yoshis.com.

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■ **Altarena Playhouse** — "As You Like It," by William Shakespeare, July 7 through July 23. A comedy about

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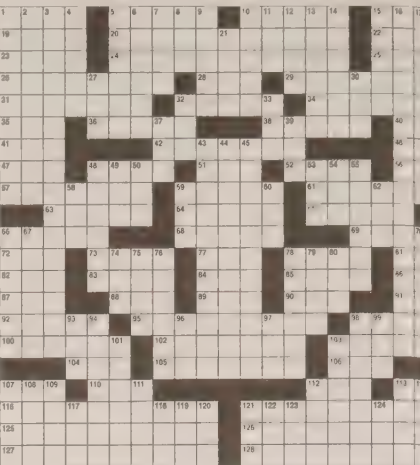
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the escapades of a banished duke and his court. Presented by ARClight. Rep and Altarena Playhouse. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. \$8-\$15. 1409 High St., Alameda. 510-523-1553, www.altarena.org.

■ **Ashby Stage** — "We Are Not These Hands," by Sheila Callaghan, through July 16. A world premiere. Set amidst the wreckage of a fictional third-world nation, Belly and Moth's only glimpse of technology and the outside world comes as they peer through the window into an illegal internet cafe. When Leather, a scholar comes to town from the other side of the river to conduct research on their culture, the encounter changes the way they all perceive history. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m. \$30. \$20. www.crowdfire.org. 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley.

■ **Aurora Theatre Company** — "Permanent Collection," by Thomas Gibbons, through July 23. Gibbon's play, inspired by the true controversies surrounding Philadelphia's Barnes Foundation, explores opposing views of art, race and culture. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$28-\$45. Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org.

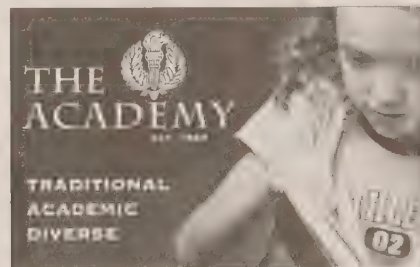
■ **Berkeley City Club** — "Walking the Dead," through Oct. 29. Theatre Q presents Keith Curran's work about the tragic death of a transgendered person. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$18-\$20. 510-328-8197, www.theatreq.org. "The Inspector-General," by Gary Graves, through July 30. Inspired by Gogol's classic, the play focuses on the riotous encounter between a happily married couple sheltered within a northern California gated community and the government official who unexpectedly pays them a visit. Presented by Central Works. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 5 p.m. \$9-\$25. 510-558-1381, www.centralworks.org. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley.

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — Ennio Marchetto presents "Ennio,"

July 12 through July 23. Watch on as Ennio Marchetto transforms the art of origami into a theatrical show. Accompanied by non-stop music, Marchetto will create some 50 characters using paper. Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 5 and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m. \$25-\$45. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 510-647-2949. 888-48R-Tix, www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** — "Footloose," through Aug. 6. The Broadway musical, based on Dean Pitchford's 1984 movie, tells the story of Ren McCormack who uses dance as a form of expression and rebellion in the strict community of Beaumont. Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Musicals, \$12-\$20; Plays, \$10-\$15. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. 510-524-9132, www.cccot.org.

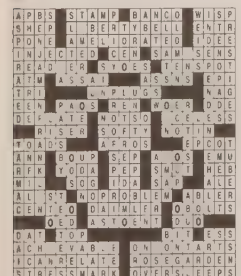
■ **East Bay Improv** — "Tired of the Same Old Song and Dance?" Ongoing, 8 p.m. East Bay Improv actors perform spontaneous, impulsive and hilarious comedy on the first Saturday of every month. \$8. Pinole Community Playhouse, 601 Tennent Ave., Pinole. 510-964-0571, www.eastbayimprov.com.



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Honda of El Cerrito plans to lower prices on all remaining new 2006 Hondas in stock. According to Roy Montana, General Sales Manager, "This is an outstanding opportunity for people who are considering buying a new 2006 Honda. At this time last year, we ran into the same circumstances, and had to make room for the 2007 models we ordered from Honda. Therefore, we decided to sell every new 2006 Honda in stock at drastically lower prices."

"This Model Year End Clearance is not limited to a few vehicles - every new 2006 Accord, Civic, Element, CR-V, Odyssey minivan, Pilot SUV, and Ridgeline will be priced for immediate sale," said Montana.

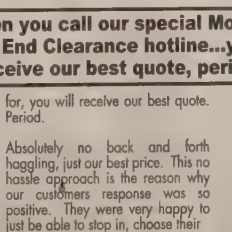
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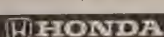
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Answer: On an average about every 5 years or 50,000 Miles. There are so many tires on the market each offering different warranties. Most tire tread warranties range from 40,000 to 60,000 miles. In a perfect world one would expect to get the miles a tread warranty states but each individual is different. Driving on uneven pavement, frequently making sharp hair-pin or "u" turns affects tire wear badly. Also driving with bad suspension, steering or alignment will cause tires to wear out quickly. I think 50,000 miles is a good target if you purchase quality tires and have them rotated every 7,000 miles or so.

The main countries tires are manufactured in are China, Korea, Japan, France and here in the U.S. The quality of rubber varies quite a bit. For instance French made Michelin tires are made with a soft rubber and are a popular choice for European car manufacturers including Volvo. This soft rubber provides a quiet, comfortable touring ride for the vehicle. There is a downside to soft rubber tires, they wear out quick. Installed on a front wheel drive car which wears tires quicker than a rear wheel drive car, the tires most likely will need replacement at 35,000 miles.

Chinese made tires are the least expensive on the market. They are mass produced with low grade rubber and steel. While these tires may not result in a blowout they probably aren't going to last for 50,000 miles.

In my opinion Japan is making the best quality low-cost tires available. There are a few Japanese brands which we have been selling for the last five or six years. By and large most customers have been getting close to the 65,000 miles that the tires are warranted for.

Double-check familiar U.S. tire brands as not all are made here. Some companies will have a line of tires made in China, one line made in Japan and

one line made here. The other thing about U.S. tire companies is many don't manufacture the sizes needed for import cars. In this area where almost all cars are imports not many tire shops stock U.S. brand tires.

Tread pattern does make a difference. If you will be traveling to snowy areas then it's important to get tires made with a traction tread. If it's highway driving that you do most then get a tread made for speed and handling. Around here for local driving a tread made for wet/dry year round traction would be good. With the weather the way it's been maybe a tread that reduces hydroplaning would be a good choice.

Speed rating is another factor. Every car has a specified speed rating for tires. Each tire is labeled with a letter marked on the tire sidewall that indicates what maximum speed the tire is safe being driven up to. The common ratings are H (130 mph), V (149 mph) and Z (in excess of 149 mph). You should stay with the speed rating suggested by your car's manufacturer. This speed rating does affect price. The more speed worthy the tire the more expensive.

Next make sure there are no problems with your car's suspension or steering. When replacing tires it's a good time to have the car inspected. Have any suspension or steering repairs done before you install new tires as this will directly affect the tire wear.

It's a good idea to replace all four tires at the same time if you can afford it. The car will handle better and the ride will be more comfortable. Many cars have come to our shop with four different brand tires with various degrees of wear on them, these cars are rough riding, have steering pull and some even have problems braking due to this. Do yourself and your car a favor, save up and buy all four tires at one time. If there is no way you can do this then buy two and get the other two replaced within six months. For all you Volvo drivers out there reading this, if you have a S70 AWD or V70 XC 1998-2001 all four tires must be replaced at the same time regardless of wear. Otherwise you will damage the bevel gear (part of the

transmission).

Where to buy your tires is your business. Many people choose large warehouse stores for tires. The brand name tires sold at these stores are manufactured in bulk specifically for these warehouses. Many tires for sale at the warehouse stores are closeouts, this means you may not be able to get a warranty replacement if something happened. Buyer beware.....many of these brand name tires are made specifically for these companies with lower quality components and substandard workmanship. If you purchase tires there you may not be getting what you would get at your local tire store. Because they buy so many tires at a time they are able to negotiate with these companies to get the prices down.

Look for a tire store or garage that will rotate the tires for free, that is open to having you stop by if one of the tires becomes low and will expedite any warranty issues. Tire company warranties cover only defects in craftsmanship or materials that result in failure (blowout) or tread separation, sidewall bubbles or cracking not caused by curbing, potholes or age. Many people do not know that if your tire tread is pierced or cut by road debris the repair is not free unless you've purchased road hazard insurance which commonly costs \$20.00 per tire. If you have this insurance then the repair is free or if the tire is destroyed then you pay a pro-rated amount for a new tire.

I hope this has answered some of the questions you have about tires and remember tires are the only thing between you and the pavement so take good care of them.

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(This is not the complete menu)

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Tempura	Prawns and vegetables battered and deep fried	6.25
Chicken Teriyaki	Grilled chicken, with or without skin and teriyaki sauce	5.25
Salmon Shioyaki	Fresh salmon filet, lightly salted and grilled	6.50
DONBURI served in a bowl over rice with miso soup		
Tempura Donburi	Tempura and special donburi sauce	6.25
Katsu Donburi	Pork cutlet, egg and special donburi sauce	6.25
Oyako Donburi	Chicken, egg and special donburi sauce	5.95

SUSHI LUNCH COMBINATIONS served with miso soup

Sushi Sakura	Tuna roll and five pieces assorted sushi	7.95
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COMBINATION PLATES includes rice and miso soup

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	Chicken Teriyaki	8.25
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A's Roll	Tempura salmon, avocado, cucumber and soy paper	7.95
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Tai	Red snapper	4.25
Anikimo	Monkfish liver pate	Seasonal
Crazy Tobiko	Flying fish roe marinated in wasabi	3.75
Maki Sushi (Roll Sushi)		
Hollywood Roll	Tuna, avocado, cucumber, tobiko	4.95
Crab Tempura Roll	Tempura crab, avocado, cucumber	7.25
California Roll	Crab and avocado	3.75
Unakyu	Eel and cucumber rolled inside out	4.00

DINNER MENU

SASHIMI Sliced raw fish		
Chirashi Sushi	Assorted sashimi over rice (Yellow tail, red & white tuna)	13.95
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TEMPURA Lightly battered and deep fried		
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By Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

rogue pirate Jack Sparrow,
ny Depp returns to steal the
again in "Pirates of the
ean: Dead Man's Chest."
loaded-to-the-gills carnival
the second in what's shap-
to be a wildly successful
is almost as good as the
voyage.
th his mascara-caked eyes,
by dreadlocks and swishy
gestures, Depp's lovably de-
hed scalawag keeps "Dead
Chest" afloat. Whether he's
ang away from a tribe that
to cook him, steering a
boat with a leg bone, or
ng the moves on a lovely yet
ad-out damsel, Depp is ir-
-ible.

aying Depp's the best
out "Dead Man's Chest,"
n't mean the sequel, which
redly cost \$200 million to
e, is a wash in other ways.
ually a lot of swashbuck-
fun — a smashing, pumped
of classic pirate movies
the works of Robert Louis
yson and Jules Verne.

ill, it does spring a couple
ks. Like the original film,
"Man's Chest" is much too
and strapped with an overly
dited storyline. Yet director
Verbinski ("The Ring," "Pi-
of the Caribbean: The Curse
Black Pearl") along with
adrenaline action producer
Bruckheimer and a strong
prevent it from capsizing.
everyone seems to get a
chapter booked for this sec-
pacer beeks to be whoop-
up like vacationers on a
boat. Even screenwriters
Elliott and Terry Rossio (the
Pirates" and "Shrek") get a
cheeky, poking fun at them-
selves for having produced such
a mess of a plot. This ir-
-rational one could have proven
to be here it's endearing.
here "Chest" earns its sea
after a rather choppy and
start — is playing up the
mate attraction between the
y but betrothed heroine



JOHNNY DEPP returns to his scene-stealing ways as pirate Jack Sparrow in the thrill-a-minute "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest."

Elizabeth Swann (an exquisite Keira Knightley) and the narcissistic and terminally tipsy Sparrow. Their antagonistic exchanges are sassy, even a little sexy. No wonder, then, that their relationship doesn't always sit well with Elizabeth's noble and rather boring fiancé Will Turner, played by Orlando Bloom in Errol Flynn-lite mode.

Lucky for Will, he's preoccupied with more life-or-death matters in "Dead Man's Chest," holed up most of the time on the ghost pirate ship, the Flying Dutchman, a glorious creation that rises from the sea floor.

That creepy boat and its crabby crew — made up of a gallery of half human/half sea

critters — are eye-popping marvels that would tickle the fancy of the late Jacques Cousteau.

Aboard the dark vessel, Will reunites with his pappy Bootstrap Bill (Stellan Skarsgard, with mol-lusks subbing for sideburns). The father-son lovefest is constantly cut short by the Darth Vader of the big blue, Captain Davy Jones.

The captain (Bill Nighy) is a fantastic villain; an organ-play-ing creep with a gelatinous octopus head, complete with writhing tentacles for a beard. Will winds up on the ship while trying to save his own and Elizabeth's hides, and trying to end a curse levied against Sparrow. In order to accomplish all that, he must locate a key and a chest, which

'PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST'

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Starring: Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Stellan Skarsgard

Rated: PG-13 (intense sequences of adventure violence, including frightening images)

Opens today: Area theaters.

2 hours, 20 minutes

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contains Jones' heart.

What will that heart resolve when he gets it? I dunno exactly, because I was gawking at Davy Jones' weird face, and was mesmerized by the hammerhead shark man, the puffer fish man, and the Flying Dutchman. This is a movie with wall-to-wall eye candy that often overshadows the dialogue.

Truthfully, the chest, the heart — in fact the whole creaky plot — is secondary to the manic, loud action pieces that sometimes resemble a Buster Keaton film. That and the razzle-dazzle digital effects, which seem to be produced by a team as large as the population of Byron.

Undoubtedly, these artists pulled off something special, making "Dead Man's Chest" the best special effects extravaganza since "The Lord of the Rings" movies. Sorry, "King Kong," but the giant, grouchy octopus here even shows you up.

And while the complicated plot is hard to follow, it does crank out a few stunning surprises (there's even an itty-bitty bonus waiting at the end credits), combined with a slam-bang cliffhanger of an ending that demands you come back for thirds. Alas, you're gonna have to wait 'til Memorial Day weekend in 2007. Arrghhhh! to that.

Randy Myers at rmeyers@cc-times.com or at 925-977-8419.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

Compiled from sales at 45 independent bookstores in Northern California.

Fiction

1. "Twelve Sharp," by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin's, \$26.95.)
2. "Terrorist," by John Updike. (Knopf, \$24.95.)
3. "Suite Française," by Irene Nemirovsky. (Knopf, \$25.)
4. "Water for Elephants," by Sara Gruen. (Algonquin, \$23.95.)
5. "Everyman," by Philip Roth. (Houghton Mifflin, \$24.)
6. "The Foreign Correspondent," by Alan Furst. (Random House, \$24.95.)
7. "Blue Shoes and Happiness," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$21.95.)
8. "The Whole World Over," by Julia Glass. (Pantheon, \$25.95.)
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1. "The Omnivore's Dilemma," by Michael Pollan. (Penguin, \$26.95.)
2. "Marley & Me," by John Grogan. (William Morrow, \$21.95.)
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6. "A Heckuva Job," by Calvin Trillin. (Random House, \$12.95.)
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1. "The History of Love," by Nicole Krauss. (Norton, \$13.95.)
2. "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishiguro. (Vintage, \$14.)

3. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
4. "March," by Geraldine Brooks. (Penguin, \$14.)
5. "The Devil Wears Prada," by Lauren Weisberger. (Broadway, \$13.95.)
6. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," by Lisa See. (Random House, \$13.95.)
7. "Saturday," by Ian McEwan. (Anchor, \$14.95.)
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1. "An Inconvenient Truth," by Al Gore. (Rodale, \$21.95.)
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4. "The Thinking Fan's Guide to the World Cup," edited by Matt Weiland and Sean Wilsey. (HarperCollins, \$14.95.)
5. "The Devil's Teeth," by Susan Casey. (Owl, \$14.)
6. "The Tipping Point," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
7. "Garlic and Sapphires," by Ruth Reichl. (Penguin, \$15.)
8. "Collapse," by Jared Diamond. (Penguin, \$17.)
9. "Plan B," by Anne Lamott. (Riverhead, \$14.)
10. "Getting Stoned with Savages," by J. Maarten Troost. (Broadway, \$12.95.)

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1. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown. (Anchor, \$7.99.)
2. "Angels & Demons," by Dan Brown. (Pocket, \$7.99.)
3. "The Devil Wears Prada," by Lauren Weisberger. (Anchor, \$7.99.)
4. "Blood From a Stone," by Donna Leon. (Penguin, \$7.99.)
5. "4th of July," by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. (Warner, \$9.99.)

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AUDITIONS AND CLASSES

Act Now

■ **Act Now** — Auditions for the first three plays of the 2006-07 season held noon-3 p.m. July 8: "Prisoners of Love," Sept. 8-30, "The Actor's Nightmare," Sept. 8-30, and "The Lion in Winter," Oct. 27-Nov. 8. May read a prepared monologue or from the script. Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts, Knight 3 stage, Civic Drive at Locust Street, Walnut Creek. 925-212-2810 or e-mail smurphree@yahoo.com.

■ **Fresh Films** — "The Super Dupers," 1-5 p.m. July 9. Looking for teens to produce, cast, direct, shoot, light and edit a film with expert help. Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, S.F. 925-284-1980.

■ **The Intimate Theatre** — 7-9 p.m. July 8. Need one actress for "Why Do You Smoke So Much, Lily?" 2363 Boulevard Circle, Suite 106, Walnut Creek. 925-943-6252, g.mertes@comcast.net.

■ **Town Hall Theatre Company** — Auditions for children's roles (ages 8-18) will be held July 15 for the holiday play "Carol of the Bells." Performers should sing a song ("White Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" or "I'll Be Home for Christmas") as well as tell a joke. No monologues necessary. To schedule an appointment: 925-283-8673, www.thtcc.org.

■ **Town Hall Theatre Company** — The Shadow Program, a special program for teens, is holding auditions for "The Rocky Horror Show," July 14. Participants will have the opportunity to be an understudy to one of the cast members. www.townhallkids.com.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

■ **Bay Area Actors Workshop** — "Introduction to the Business," 7-9 p.m. July 12. Class size limited to nine people. \$25. Contact: Amy Gibbons, 925-323-9157, amy.gibbons@gmail.com.

■ **Carolina Lugo's Flamenco Dance Company** — Baby Flamenco classes, started July 6, runs through Aug. 24. For ages 5-10. Introduction to rhythms for movement, development of musicality and coordination. 6-7 p.m. Fridays. 1948 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill. 925-939-7850, www.carolinadance.com.

■ **Contra Costa Children's Chorus** — "Theater Arts for Kids," July 17-Aug. 3 ("Once On This Island"), instruction will focus on vocal technique, musicianship,

dance, dramatics, and technical theater. Openings for boys and girls ages 7-17. 1963 Tice Valley Road, Walnut Creek. Contact: 925-945-7101, Ext. 203, www.childrenschorus.org.

■ **CTA Crossroads Theatre** — Summer conservatories, June through August. "Wizard of Oz," the play; "Big," the musical; "Thumbelina," the dance. Ages 7-18. 1277 Boulevard Way, Walnut Creek. Free. Schedule and registration: 925-858-6449.

Obituaries and In Memoriam



W. Jody Edmonson

Resident of Oakland and long-time Real Estate Broker in this area died May 31 of A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was cared for at home with the help of the wonderful Hospice people of Kaiser Oakland and died peacefully in his sleep. He will be sorely missed by his wife of 36 years, Corinne, and his son, Walter (Joyce) Edmonson, also of Oakland; his two stepsons, Spencer (Alicia) Larson of Moraga and Erik (Emira) Larson of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. He also leaves four grandchildren, Walter Edmonson Jr. and Natalie, Vanessa and Mateo Larson. The family members and friends who rallied around him through this cruel illness made his journey bearable and will never be forgotten. He donated his body for further research and requested any memorials be made to the A.L.S. association.

Woodminster

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For each show, and the rehearsal schedule is rigorous, it is something some of the kids who audition are surprised to find out.

It is not a social club," DeLargy said. "When you come to Woodminster, you quickly realize you're here to work."

DeLargy said that the auditions are incredibly competitive so that chosen actors already know a bit about theater.

This is not a place to learn or gain to know theater," said DeLargy. "It's a place to hone your

skills though the work schedule might be shocking at first, DeLargy said. Woodminster soon has the amazing opportunity to have a mix of professionals and amateurs and foster the spirit of learning, Schlader said. Woodminster veterans are willing to share their experience with greener actors.

The kids measure themselves against the professionals and talk to them. They learn the importance of continuing to study," DeLargy said. "Over the years, 2,000 people have performed here, and some have gone on to professional careers. If you fail, they come back and that the training they had was invaluable."

DeLargy, who's been performing at Woodminster since he was a teenager in 1974, encourages opportunity to interact

with professionals. While she holds an undergraduate degree in music, she has since gone on to get a masters degree in business. Music is more of a passion for her.

"Woodminster is a wonderful opportunity to interface with professionals and get insight from them," she said.

For the first time in the 30 years she has been performing at Woodminster, DeLargy is moving out of the chorus and into a part. She will play the wardrobe in "Beauty and the Beast," the company's final show of the season.

In addition to being professional, Woodminster is also large-scale. According to Kahn, Woodminster sells more individual tickets than any other resident performance space in Oakland, including the symphony. The theater sells approximately 1,500 tickets to each show, and 800-1,000 of those tickets are season-ticket holders, Schlader said.

Each year, season-ticket holders get to vote on which shows they would like to see the following year. This season, Woodminster is offering musicals that are relatively new. The season opener, "Ragtime," is a huge undertaking that requires 250 costumes and 62 cast members, Kahn said.

"Ragtime" is the hardest show we've ever done," she said. "The music is really wonderful but really hard."

The next show, "The King and I," runs from Aug. 4-13, and "Beauty and the Beast" closes the season from Sept. 1-10.

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MARIE MICHAEL and Carl Palangi perform in "South Pacific," the first show of the first season of the Woodminster Summer Musicals in 1967.



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JVMPA



BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Lefty KOKE is still struggling

LOCAL LEFTY Air America network affiliate here, KOKE (960 AM) is still struggling in the ratings after two years on the air, although I do hear more and more people listening to it. In the latest ratings report, "The Quake" is down around 27th place, well behind established right-wing station KSFO.

Several East Bay readers, including Jay Gorud, agreed with my recent column that "The Quake's" mediocre morning show, "Keepin' It Real With Will and Willie," isn't helping things. Gorud sent station management a note a year ago asking for Jerry Springer's awful morning show to be yanked (it was), and he agrees with me that Stephanie Miller's syndicated show would be a big improvement over the feeble Willie Brown/Will Durst offering.

"I give it another three months before it gets yanked," writes Gorud, and I agree: Morning-drive shows are too important for weak entries to survive long — look how quickly KNBR fixed its new morning team. If any market is ripe for the Bush-bashing Air America, it's the liberal Bay Area.

Still, "The Quake," despite anemic ratings, may not make this important change soon. After all, "Quake" program manager Bob Agnew is the guy responsible for putting aged embarrassment Pete Franklin on the air for years when he ran KNBR ... Mickey Luckoff and Jack Swanson, the veteran execs who've run talk-station ratings powerhouses KGO and KSFO for years, are doubtless watching KOKE's programming faux pas with great delight ... One intriguing "Quake" program listing: Its show Sundays at noon is listed as "God Factor/East Bay News." Are we holier than other parts of the Bay Area? ... Just one more "Quake" item: Bay Area radio vet Peter B. Collins, filling in on Thom Hartmann's nationally syndicated show the other day, apologized to listeners the other day for saying Yoko Ono was dead. "I looked it up on Wikipedia," said Collins, "and, um, I was wrong." One might expect a similar mistake from most talkers, but Collins worked for years at now-defunct rocker KRQR-FM in San Francisco as a music DJ.

Speaking of music stations, Berkeley's KBLX-FM, the last Bay Area stand-alone station is a strong eighth in the current local radio ratings.

It's owned by Inner City Broadcasting founder Percy Sutton, who also owns Harlem's legendary Apollo Theatre. Top local music station locally (in second place) is as-seen-on-TV station KQIT, followed by classical station KDQC, tied for fourth overall with all-news KCBS ...

ANOTHER BAY AREA RADIO VET: East Bay resident Jerry Dean, long-time air personality at Alameda's legendary, much-missed jazz station, KJAZ. Dean's distinctive baritone can still be heard on the air. If you're up in the North Bay some Sunday night between 6 and 10, check out "Jazz with Jerry Dean," which Dean sends up to Santa Rosa via computer. Dean's heard on smooth-jazz station KJZY (93.7 FM), whose signal almost makes it to the East Bay ... If you've been watching ABC's recently cancelled "Commander In Chief," yes, that was indeed former KRON weatherman Mark Thompson playing the CNN-like reporter. Star Geena Davis' presidential character recently gave Thompson's character the "scoop" that she'd be running for a second term. That's not what ABC says ... Finally, further proof San Fran thinks it's the center of the universe: KGO-TV's weathercasts now list two S.F. temps — the Sunset and downtown. Coming next: Potrero Hill?

Bill Mann's column runs every other week. Reach him at Newsman@sonic.net.

Woodminster celebrates its 40th

■ Generations have enjoyed watching or performing in the Oakland hills

By Katrina Martin Davenport
CORRESPONDENT

The Woodminster Summer Musicals in Oakland are a local institution. For 40 years, audiences have enjoyed classic shows under the stars at the outdoor amphitheater nestled among the trees in Joaquin Miller Park in the Oakland hills.

For many families, catching a Woodminster show has become tradition — and so has performing in one.

"The most special thing about Woodminster is that we have had parents and now their children and grandchildren either on stage or in the audience," said co-founder Harriet Schlader.

Next to that, Schlader said that the service Woodminster provides is valuable to Oakland.

"At Woodminster people are seeing live musical theater, which itself is an American institution," she said.

In addition, the audience is seeing the show outdoors, sometimes under a veil of fog.

"Performing outdoors has its own challenges, but something magical happens," said Woodminster publicist Kathy Kahn.

And the audience is also seeing the shows for a good price. Tickets run between \$21 and \$34, and the theater also boasts a "Kids Come Free" program, which allows children under 16 accompanied by an adult to see shows for free.

As former Broadway performers, co-founders Harriet and Jim Schlader take each performance at Woodminster seriously. This is not community theater in the stereotypical sense; the standards that the Schladers set are high. Professionals collaborate



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

HARRIET SCHLADER, the choreographer and co-founder of the Woodminster Summer Musicals, instructs the actors on how to execute the dance scene "Henry Ford" for "Ragtime" during a rehearsal at the Woodminster Amphitheater on July 1 in the Oakland hills. "Ragtime" will open the 40th season for the Woodminster Summer Musicals today.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: "Ragtime" kicks off the 40th anniversary of Woodminster Summer Musicals.

WHEN: 8 p.m., July 7-9, 13-16

WHERE: Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland

DETAILS: Tickets range from \$21.50 to \$34.50. There is a \$2 discount for children and seniors. For more information, call 510-531-9597 or go to www.woodminster.com.

with amateurs to create a polished and skillful show. The actors have only three weeks to

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KATHY KAHN

SOPHIA SINSHEIMER of Berkeley is the Little Girl in "Ragtime." Michael Kostroff plays Tateh, her father.

Canoe gives family great memories

By Carol Gardner
STAFF WRITER

It's early morning at the San Pablo Reservoir. The canoe glides through the water, rocking a little from side to side as the paddles rhythmically dip into the water. The air smells so fresh. I wonder what we will find on today's paddle. I hope to see a lot of great blue herons and Canada geese, maybe even an osprey circling overhead. The lake stretches out ahead, a great blue invitation for adventure.

I have canoed for many years, ever since my husband walked through a department store and saw a canoe he couldn't resist. It was a little 12-foot plastic model, just a little bigger than a toy. But we learned how to paddle in that trusty vessel. It braved whitecaps at Folsom Lake, cruised through ice at Franks Tract near Bethel Island and sliced through swells on Tomales Bay.

As our family grew, we upgraded to a longer canoe, which has also had its share of memorable experiences. It cruised by the shore at Kidd Lake in the Sierra where the tall pines were reflected in the mirror-smooth water, glided down the Russian River through a redwood forest and drifted down the American River in the fall when the salmon were running upstream and you could hear their heads bumping against the bottom of the boat.

Although my husband had learned how to bounce on the gunnels of a canoe at summer camp, I had never paddled when our outings with the blue bucket began.

Anyone who is willing to help hoist a 70-pound canoe to the top of a car can become a paddler. One of the pluses of canoeing is that you don't have to be particularly athletic to have a lot of fun floating around a lake or reservoir. More skills are required on a river.

Before going out to buy a canoe, take a trial run in a rental boat. Canoes are available at Del Valle Reservoir near Livermore, Lake Chabot near Castro Valley or California Canoe & Kayak in Jack London Square in Oakland. Go early in the morning before the wind picks up. See how you like not being connected to terra firma.

Be sure to wear a life jacket



NADER KHOURI/STAFF

PADDLERS TAKE A TOUR down the Railroad Slough at Delta Meadows River Park near Locke. Taking a lesson is a great way to broaden your knowledge of strokes and steering the canoe.

CANOE RENTALS

■ **DEL VALLE RESERVOIR, LAKE CHABOT:** Both on the East Bay Regional Parks District's home page at www.ebaparks.org. Click on Boating & Sailing for rental fees and hours. Call on Regional Parks and Trails for directions to the parks.

■ **CALIFORNIA CANOE & KAYAK,** Jack London Square, Oakland. 510-893-7833, www.calka.com.

yak.com. Offers lessons — including a calm water canoeing class on Saturday — as well as equipment.

■ **LAKE MERRITT BOATING CENTER,** 568 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. 510-238-2196, www.oaklandnet.com/parks/programs/boating.asp.

■ **STATE PARKS:** The state parks system offers many canoeing and boating possibilities. Go to www.parks.ca.gov

or take along a flotation cushion. A canoe can tip at the most unexpected moment, so it's wise to be prepared. Another safety tip: Always paddle on different sides to keep the weight evenly balanced. If both paddlers stroke on the same side, you could have a very wet surprise.

You don't need a partner to canoe, but most people paddle with someone else. Here is where the problem of human relations comes in. The strongest paddler should sit in the back, the stern. For beginners, the paddler in the back does most of the steering. It's not fun to be sitting in the bow, the front, if the canoe cruises under a low branch. Sometimes the bow paddler rebels. I know several couples who simply can't canoe together.

Kayaks are a popular alternative. The best way to keep peace in the canoe is to take lessons. In our early paddling years, I sat in the bow and didn't have much effect on the course of our canoe. Then our family took a series of classes sponsored by the Red Cross at the Lafayette Reservoir, and I was empowered. I learned several techniques for steering and became a much happier and safer canoeist. I even learned to paddle by myself all around the reservoir on a windy day. No more of the namby-pamby helpless whining in the bow for me. Unfortunately, those classes are no longer offered locally.

Years ago, my husband and I met a couple at a Sierra ski lodge who invited us to join them on a Marin Canoe Club outing. Al-

though the club originated in Marin County, it welcomed paddlers from all over the Bay Area.

We took them up on the invitation and launched a delightful relationship that has led us to the quiet waters of Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Park near Lake Shasta and down the Cosumnes and Mokelumne rivers, to name a few of our destinations. Older club members helped us improve our strokes and passed along their love of adventure.

If you decide to buy a canoe, you have options. New canoes at REI in Concord range from a bright red plastic Mad River Adventure 16 for \$599 to a sleek Old Town Kevlar model for \$2,399.

Perfectly good used canoes are available at much lower prices in classified ads or at www.craigslist.org, where I recently saw an aluminum canoe for \$150 and an Old Town for \$300.

We bought a used Old Town canoe for \$450 a long time ago from a man whose wife had lost her enthusiasm for roughing it. After all these years of carrying us on lakes and rivers, and even having a short, bumpy ride on I-80 when it fell off the car, the canoe is in good shape, and we plan to use it for many more years.

SUSAN KUCHINS
On the Arts

Auction benefits Shotgun Players

CASTOFFS FOR A CAUSE: A Berkeley nonprofit organization is looking to the back of your closet for funds. The Shotgun Players are looking for donations for a silent auction fundraiser July 22. Most-wanted: luxurious getaway things like hotel rooms, restaurant reservations, an Italian villa to match a week-long stay in a Jamboree mansion that's already on the auction block. Hoteliers, restaurateurs and anyone else who can offer a special service to offer contact Joanie McBrien at 510-865-6500, Ext. 301.

If you're in the market for that mansion — or maybe private, staged reading players — reserve now for a fundraising event at the Shotgun Players Club. The Shotgun Players will entertain while you are pampered and your strings parted by a delicious dinner prepared by Beth Sinsheimer, sous chef of Chez Panisse.

Tickets cost between \$20 and \$100, and the fun starts at 6 p.m. at the Hillside Club, 1900 Cedar St., Berkeley. For tickets, call 510-841-6500, or see www.shotgunplayers.org.

While we're at it, we'd like to see your production of "Ragnarok" at the end of the world. Shotgun Players' upcoming production of "Ragnarok" at the end of the world. Shotgun Players' upcoming production of "Ragnarok" at the end of the world. Shotgun Players' upcoming production of "Ragnarok" at the end of the world.

"Ragnarok" previews 22-23 at 1 p.m., it runs 24-25 at 1 p.m. and 26-27 at 1 p.m. Sept. 10 at 4 p.m. in John Hinkel Park, Berkeley. Ticket pay-what-you-can, open show in a wonderful, ancient stone amphitheater, so bring pillows and a picnic.

GET ON BOARD: Berkeley Community Media nonprofit public media organization, is looking for volunteer members. Join maven, business people, artists and community activists who help guide two cable stations and a media production facility serving the needs of Berkeley.

BCM needs dynamic staff to help shape two public community television stations: BTV-1, the public station on cable Channel 33; BTV-2, the city government station on cable Channel 33.

The board is directly involved in policy, technical and business decisions. To spend one evening at a general board meeting attend one or two additional committee meetings.

Board President Mike Man says, "Maintaining a healthy local alternative is crucial in this day of rampant media consolidation. Working with the board and challenging."

"At BCM, we say, 'Do your TV, be TV.'"

For more information, contact BCM Executive Director Brian Scott at 510-848-4444 or visit www.bcmv.org.

THE MODERN SHAKESPEARE: In Alameda, a Light Repertory Theatre partnered with the historic Altarena Playhouse for a "revolutionary" production of Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

Director David Kopple found modern themes of sexual identity, self-discovery and society in this play set the scene in the Arto region of France in 17th century before the French Revolution. It scrutinizes those bluffs of "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité" while skewering the conventions of romantic love.

"As You Like It" runs 23 at the Altarena Playhouse, 1409 High St., Alameda. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15 general admission for students and seniors.

For tickets, call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3838 or visit www.altarena.org.

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BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

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With the top down, the M is a sharp-tongued roadster. What is unusual about the top is it can be raised or lowered in 17 seconds, which is about half the time of other convertibles. No latches to



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The new suspension system on the M provides a comfortable ride that made me feel quite secure behind the wheel. As for twisty roads and sharp curves, the M is very secure when making a tight turn. It also has electrically assisted power steering. This reduces driver effort at low speeds, yet gives good road feel at higher driving speeds.

As for safety, it has dual two-stage smart airbags, side impact airbags and rollover protection. Those features could only be appreciated by me, not those who looked at me with envy.

Although the M has its limitations passenger-wise, it's a car that offers an abundance of fun.

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The 1967 Corvette: Out of sight but not out of mind

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

Sometimes a man's got to do what a man's got to do.

In 1974 Ronald Acker and his wife, Judith, were responsible parents of three boys under the age of two and the time had come to sell the 1967 Corvette that he had purchased new. It wasn't a pleasant decision.

The first of several station wagons proved to be more practical during the next two decades. But just because the Corvette was gone didn't mean that it was forgotten.

Acker vividly recalls going to Hult Chevrolet in Madison, Wis., in December 1966 while he was a junior at the University of Wisconsin Madison and ordering the exact model he wanted.

"I had ordered it with the 350-horsepower 327-cubic-inch engine, four-speed wide-ratio transmission, 3.36 posi-traction rear axle, AM/FM radio, black vinyl interior and Marina blue exterior color," he says. He still has the original window sticker that was on the car when he took possession on April 7, 1967.

During the next seven years he added authentic factory-option side mounted exhaust pipes and bolt-on aluminum turbine wheels, a one-year only accessory. He also dated and escorted in the Corvette the woman who would become his wife.

The only good news about selling the Corvette, Acker says, is that after seven years the car sold for

more than it cost new.

"In 1993, I attended the Iola Car show in Iola, Wis., and saw a 1967 Marina blue Corvette coupe for sale. This got me to thinking about having one again, but with three boys in college, this was not the time," Acker recalls.

By 1996, however, the boys were about to graduate from col-

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lege and Acker actively began looking for a car like his old one. He found a well-used twin to his 1967 Corvette in St. Charles, Mo., and bought it in July 1996.

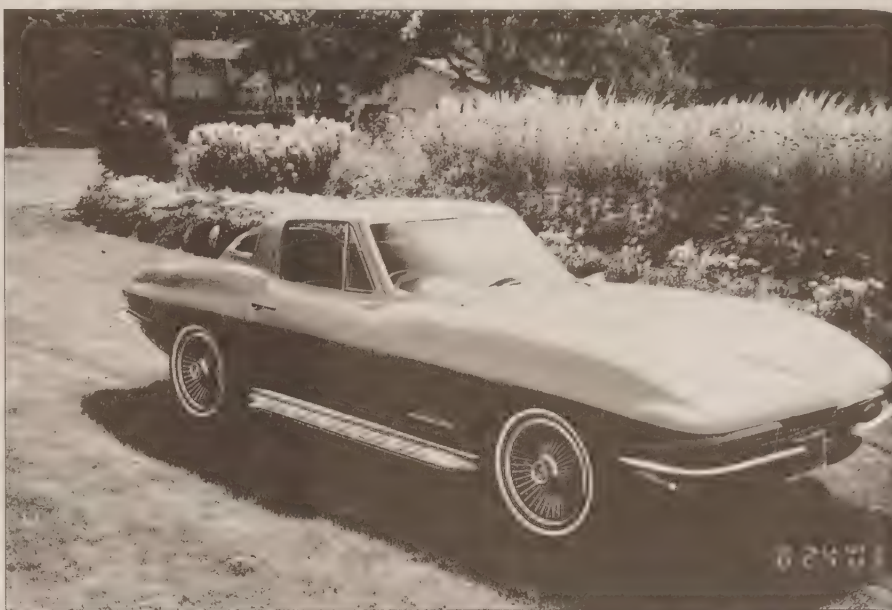
"The car was a basic driver," he says. It had been wrecked so all the fiberglass body forward of the

wall had been replaced. It had been painted Marina blue lacquer in 1995 and looked pretty good on the outside.

"Inside and mechanically it was in need of much work," Acker says. He reports the original 30-year-old shock absorbers were still in place and were useless. Incorrect springs had replaced the originals and the drive shaft tunnel

was broken. He found the body was resting on the frame crossmember.

Other than that, the transmission did not downshift into second gear, the radio and clock did not work and many parts under the front-



THE SECOND 1967 CORVETTE purchased by Ronald Acker required much more attention and repair than his first Corvette.

hinged engine hood were either missing or broken. Even the aluminum radiator leaked in several places and could not be repaired. Acker's father, Walter, took one look at the car and declared, "Yep, that was my favorite color, too."

Acker is fortunate that his brother, Vernon, in Rochester, Minn., restores Corvettes and was instrumental in rehabilitating the 1967

Corvette.

Holes had been drilled through the rear bumpers to accommodate a trailer hitch. The bumper was replaced because of the holes and the chrome plating was very worn. The original engine in the Corvette had been replaced in 1970 with a CE block, Acker says, adding that the cylinder heads are the originals. A Holley four-barrel carburetor sits

atop the engine.

"The drivetrain and suspension had been completely rebuilt with factory-correct parts and the interior has been redone," Acker says.

"Everything now works like it came from the factory, even the windshield wiper washer. The car is now exactly identical to the one I sold in 1974."

The car has no power steering, power windows, power seats, power antenna nor power brakes. "The only power is that from the engine to the rear wheels," Acker says.

In September 2002 Acker took his restored Corvette to the Big Beloit, Wis., car show where he met a man who had owned Acker's first Corvette. The man had purchased the car from the person who had

bought it from Acker. The man had even conversed via telephone years ago when the man tracked down Acker as the owner of the Corvette he had purchased.

Acker wondered where the car was now and the man said he thought he could find out. Thereafter he contacted Acker and the names of two brothers in northern Illinois who now own the car. The owners were happy to hear from Acker on the telephone and said, "It's not for sale."

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Slow down — and other fuel economy strategies

BY JEFF JOHNSTON
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Rolling Homes

We're in the summer RV travel season at a time when gasoline and diesel fuels have never been more expensive. RVers still want to travel, but many are finding ways to work around, or work with, the high fuel costs. Staying closer to home is one way to cut costs, but you still have to drive.

There are a variety of well-known means of reducing fuel consumption. These include driving slower, keeping tires up to full pressure, making smooth starts and stops, reducing the weight of the load and so forth. All of these procedures can combine to shave measurable percentages off the fuel bill.

One of the most reliable ways to save fuel is by slowing down. While I've always viewed the 55-mph speed limit as "Nixon's last laugh" and the brainchild of a government bureaucrat who never spent any time traveling long distances by car, it's true that lowering one's road speed does save fuel.

We recently enjoyed an opportunity to test this theory of RV speed vs. mileage. Our test rig was a 2006 Dodge Ram pickup with the Cummins diesel engine and we hauled a Holiday Rambler Savoy 32FKD trailer weighing about 6,200 pounds as a payload. Our test route was a stretch of Interstate 5 freeway between Eugene and Albany, Ore., a piece of road that's arrow-straight and level as it traverses the Willamette Valley in a north-south direction.

The truck was equipped with a highly accurate trip computer that included an average miles per gallon readout that we could easily reset to monitor different driving situations.

We made several trips north and south both with the truck solo and towing. This allowed us to head into the wind and with the wind, and we averaged the numbers for the fig-

ures posted here. We also checked the tire pressures and topped them up to their maximum ratings. It was good we checked, because although the tires looked fine at first glance, they were all close to 25 percent low on pressure. Low air is another cause of low mpg, to say nothing of the wear and tear consequences on the tires.

As a rule of thumb, 60 mph is usually considered the "breaking off point" where wind drag increases dramatically as speed increases. Drag adds up exponentially after about 60 mph, which is worth keeping in mind.

Solo fuel economy

Speed: MPG

50: 21.5
55: 20.1
60: 19.8
65: 19.5
70: 16.2
75: 14.1

The speed versus mpg figures are pretty straightforward with the truck running solo. Beyond 65 mph, the numbers drop like a rock, with a 17 percent reduction in mpg at 70 mph and 27.6 percent drop by 75 mph. These kind of figures are going to vary a great deal depending on the type of vehicle being driven and so on, but they give you a general idea. That 27 percent figure can add a chunk to your fuel bill during an extended drive.

Towing fuel economy

Speed: MPG

50: 11.8
55: 12.5
60: 12.2
65: 11.1
70: 9.9
75: 8.5

That first blip at 50 mph could

There are a variety of well-known means of reducing fuel consumption. These include driving slower, keeping tires up to full pressure, making smooth starts and stops, reducing the weight of the load and so forth.

be due to the engine turning around 1,500 rpm at that point, somewhat below the torque peak and well below the horsepower peak for the Cummins. Otherwise, the towing mpg figures are consistent with the solo figures. Bumping up to 70 mph from 65 mph nets 10.3 percent lower mpg, and a step up to 75 mph makes it 23.4 percent loss.

Before you write in, yes, there are many places in the U.S. where it's legal to drive an RV, and tow a trailer, at 75 mph. And many people drive at those speeds even when it's not legal, so it's worth including the numbers to reveal what's happening with fuel economy at those speeds. Slow down, and you'll save fuel.

RV manufacturers are also addressing the fuel cost problem with

the introduction of smaller new RVs. Dutchmen has just added the Eco and Zoom small trailer lines to its Aero Coach division. These trailers weigh less than 3,000 pounds and are designed to be hauled behind small SUVs, downsized pickups and minivans.

Both lines feature models from 15 to 18 feet long with sleeping capacities from two up to four people — two adults and two kids on the smaller bed — per trailer.

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THE LARGE 2006 DODGE RAM MEGA CAB, powered by the Cummins diesel engine with a 32-foot Holiday Rambler Savoy in tow, can benefit from fuel economy strategies.



THE 2006 BMW M6.

A look at the BMW and the power of 'M'

BY DAVE VAN SICKLE
MOTOR MATTERS

The original M car was the 1979 M1, an exotic mid-engine sports car that was never sold in the U.S. The folks at BMW estimate that around 100 have found their way here and today they command six-figure prices from serious collectors.

The first M car to officially reach the U.S. was the M6 in 1987. The M5 came next in 1988 and was described in the press as "a beautiful luxurious four-door practical sedan, with the soul of a race car," and is now in its fourth generation as a 500-horsepower V10 four-door supercar.

The M3 also came to the U.S. in 1988 and the current model is the third generation. It is BMW M's biggest seller with over 80,000 sold in the U.S. so far. And though it wasn't called an M, a high-performance 8 Series model developed by BMW M, called 850CSI, topped off the 8 Series in 1994-95.

The first M Roadster and S.C. Coupe, built in Spartanburg, S.C., were introduced in 1988. And this year, BMW will offer its widest range of M models with the M6 and Z4 M Coupe and Roadster joining the M3 and M5.

All BMWs that wear the M logo are developed by BMW M GmbH. It operates as a separate business, which employs just a few hundred staff in Garching, a few miles north of Munich. It is a stand-alone engineering facility where they design, engineer and develop M models. M also has an engine development facility in the north of Munich, where the engineering for the current six-cylinder and V10 engines took place.

What is so special about an M? Even though M models are well known for their engine power, the M formula doesn't stop there. It's more about overall performance.

For example, the new M6 is powered by a 5.0-liter V10 engine that delivers 500-horsepower and 383 pounds-foot of torque. Compared to the standard 4.4-liter V8, the M6 is 10 percent faster.

DAVE VAN SICKLE
Down the Road

a seven-speed sequential gearbox, it can sprint from 0 to 60 mph in just 4.5 seconds.

Lightweight suspension components are tuned specifically for precise handling. The M differential will determine chassis speed to optimize traction and stability, especially when cornering. Enhanced Dynamic Stability Control and Electronic Control further improve handling. DSC offers a choice of two settings — one for maximum tracking and the other turns off DSC and the sporting driver in control offers three settings — comfort, normal, and sport — to lock down the chassis and sustain to the driver's taste.

The M6 rides on 19-inch wheels with Z-rated performance tires. Ferocious front and rear stopping power is handled by four-piston cross-ventilated disc brakes.

With base prices ranging from \$96,795 for the M6, who buys any of the five M models? According to BMW, buyers tend to be male, successful, average age in the late 40s. Of course, the "driving dynamics" are very important. As buyers, they are informed — about the product, about the technology in the product — and they are really demanding people. However, they tend to be separated into two types.

The first group is made up of people who want to drive fast.

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car enthusiasts who find the important feature of M cars is complete performance pack. What matters to them is that cars are not only about speed, but also that the brakes, suspension, cockpit, and high-speed stability of the cars are all seamlessly together. These cars are like to take their cars to the racetracks, to driving schools and to races.

The second group loves their M for the road driving performance and the unflashy way they go about their business. They understand styling and the useful passenger room of the cars, some other high performance cars.

These cars are mechanically less noticeable buyers but they still value the benefits of the performance technology designed into

the M cars. These are highly educated, highly motivated, highly successful people who demand the most from their cars and see the M car as an extension of their fast paced work/lifestyle.

While "The Ultimate Driving Machine" might adequately describe most BMW vehicles, the BMW "M" lineup deserves a more powerful slogan.

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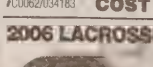


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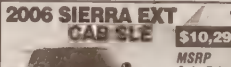


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NADAguides.com offers simple back-to-school car shopping tips

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COSTA MESA — It's that time of year again — the time when young adults and their parents prepare for another busy school season. If you're a teenager buying your first car or if you're a parent who's in the market to buy a vehicle for that young driver in your family, the experts at NADAguides.com offer the following tips to help simplify the car shopping process.

Determine your budget

"First things first," said Mark Perleberg, lead auto expert, NADAguides.com. "It's important to determine how much you can afford to spend for a vehicle. Next up, determine whether you — or your parents — will be absorbing all or some of the costs and, if applicable, exactly what costs you'll ultimately be responsible for." Perleberg also reminds parents and teens to take into consideration associated expenses involved with owning a car including insurance, gas and repair costs and to be sure to factor those estimated expenses into their overall budget.

Do your homework

According to Perleberg, today's automotive marketplace offers many choices for parents and teens. "There are plenty of new cars available with attractive rebates and incentives that make buying a new car more affordable, as well as a variety of good quality used cars — such as certified pre-owned — that come backed by a manufacturer or dealer warranty," Perleberg suggests parents and teens alike log onto websites like NADAguides.com (<http://www.NADAguides.com>), where they can research a wealth of information, including new and used makes and models, safety ratings, car reviews, vehicle specification data (including fuel efficiency, engine and drivetrain specs) price, options packages and dealer inventory. At NADAguides.com, shoppers can simultaneously compare up to four different new or used vehicles side-by-side, for model years dating all the way back to 1998.

Pick the right ride

Once parents and young drivers have done their homework, Perleberg suggests they sit down and make a list of their favorite vehicle choices and then compare those lists to narrow down their selections. Once they have their top picks, Perleberg suggests looking at the vehicles that are available in their area — at dealer lots, in newspaper classifieds, and online at Web sites such as NADAguides.com and AutoTrader.com, one of the largest and most well known used car Web sites on the Internet today. "It's an age old dilemma," said Perleberg. "Parents want cars that are affordable, reliable and safe, and young drivers want cars that look cool. Believe it or not, you can have the best of both worlds in today's market."

Teach Responsibility

"Buying a car is an important financial lesson," said Perleberg. "My advice to parents is to involve your child with every facet of the car buying process, including shopping, negotiating, securing financing and obtaining insurance." Additionally, Perleberg says parents should teach their kids to be responsible for certain costs associated with owning a car, including paying for insurance or gas whenever possible. At the very least, Perleberg suggests parents encourage their teens to keep up their grades to maintain driving privileges — a great way to motivate kids to be more responsible.

Get credit?

If you don't have cash to pay for the vehicle outright, you'll need to apply for a loan from a lending agency (such as a bank or credit union) that will ultimately require a credit history. If you're like most teenagers, you probably don't have a credit history — or if you do have a credit history, it may not be ideal enough to qualify for a car loan. Perleberg says parents and teens should take some initiative ahead of time to establish a credit track record. "Think about obtaining a gas card, a credit card with a minimum credit limit or a debit/credit card in your child's name about a year before purchasing a vehicle," said Perleberg, "and be sure to pay the balance in full every month if applicable. This will demonstrate to a prospective lender that your teen has a solid payment history." If time — and credit — is not on your side, Perleberg suggests getting a co-signer for the loan, such as a parent or guardian who has an established credit history. "Remember if you get a co-signer, they will ultimately be responsible for the loan should you fail to make the monthly payments."

Safety first

Perleberg urges parents to talk with their teenagers about driver safety whenever possible. If parents and teens are interested in researching additional highway safety information, Perleberg suggests they log onto the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) website at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov> where they can learn about a variety of helpful driving tips, as well as crash statistics and vehicle rollover information. Whenever possible, Perleberg suggests parents incorporate a curfew into their teens' driving schedule, since a large percentage of teen traffic deaths occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. "When a young driver gets behind the wheel of a vehicle, it's a very big deal," said Perleberg. "Driving a motor vehicle is a huge responsibility and driver safety needs to be a top priority." "Today, parents and young drivers have a wealth of resources at their fingertips, including a variety of information available online," said Perleberg, "and these tips are a great starting point to buying — and ultimately owning — a car. With all the information that's available, back-to-school car buying can be an easy and enjoyable process — for parents and teens alike."

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Follow up on the 'Check engine' light became an expensive car repair

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Ask the Auto Doctor

Dear Doctor: I would like your opinion on recent repairs on my 2002 Toyota Camry four-cylinder with only 32,000 miles. When the "check engine" light came on, I went to the dealer. They said the car was out of warranty and the diagnosis and repairs would be my responsibility. The car still ran fine at the time the "check engine" light came on. The dealer checked the car and said I needed a VSV valve and charcoal canister. This ended up being a very expensive repair. I was also told this is part of the emission system. Have you ever heard of these parts going bad on a Toyota? — Abraham

Dear Abraham: I see this problem much too often, as well as the Air Ratio sensor. The Air Ratio sensors seem to fail between 50,000 and 60,000 miles. Hold onto your receipt in case there is a recall.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Volkswagen Jetta with 72,000 miles. When I put the air conditioner on there is a very foul smell coming out of the vents. What is it and how can I get rid of it? — Tony

Dear Tony: The foul smell could be mold build-up in the heater box or a rodent may have gotten trapped in the box and died. There are many products on the market you can purchase for this problem. There is also the Lysol brand available in any grocery or department store that works well. You also have to make sure the a/c heater box drain is not plugged up. Find the air intake for the heater a/c system. This is usually at the lower part of the windshield on the passenger

side. You will set the heat on medium speed and spray the disinfectant into the heater a/c intake 30 seconds at a time for three minutes. Next, set the temperature to cold and repeat. Let the vehicle continue to run for 30 minutes and continue switching the temperature every five minutes. Treat the system monthly if possible to kill all mold build-up in the future.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Honda Accord with 85,000 miles. At 80,000 miles I had the timing belt replaced. The engine sounded louder after the replacement of the belt. I also hear a noticeable click when I shift from park to reverse. — Robert

Dear Robert: Most older Honda vehicles do make a clicking sound when shifting out of park into gear. As for the engine sounding louder, I would have the belt tension checked. I have even seen timing belts that were over-tightened. All the belt pulleys also have to be checked for faulty bearings.

Dear Doctor: Some automotive surveys state that most vehicles can use the mid-grade gasoline rather than the premium gas that is recommended. The surveys continue to state that only high compression engines and sport cars and luxury SUVs need the high-octane gasoline. I recently purchased a 2005 Lexus ES 330 with a compression ratio of 10.8:1. Is this considered high compression? Will performance drop off with the use of the

mid grade 89 octane? The calls for 91 octane and high stations do not offer 91. They skip over 91 and go to 93 octane. — Michael

Dear Michael: With the gas skyrocketing, this has a greater concern. You are asking to like my answer. I fear the use of a lesser octane in an emergency when the higher octane is not available. The mid-grade gasoline burns less cleaner than the lesser octane higher octane as recommended far better for the engine in the term ownership.

Dear Doctor: Your colleague with a 1998 Toyota door lock. I own a 2000 Camry that has problems during the winter with the door locks. I use the remote to unlock. I always use the WD40 in the door lock cylinders. During the summer, the door locks freeze. Should Toyota be responsible for this problem? — Norman

Dear Norman: You are alone with door cylinder problems during the winter. WD40 is a great product for applications, but not as good for door lock cylinders. To use a liquid graphite such as Lock Ease. This is a film on the tumblers and water from freezing on the door can also use this in the door locks. Make sure the door cover works correctly and lock when the key is removed. The problem is not the responsibility of Toyota.

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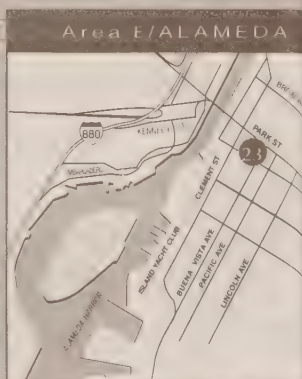
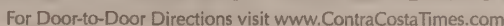
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Altamont Cruisers

PO Box 2144
Livermore, CA 94550
Attn: Kevin Shannon, 925-455-6921.
Web site: www.AltamontCruisers.org
Monthly cruise night is held at Prestige Furniture, 4650 Arroyo Vista, Livermore (located on First Street) on the last Saturday of the month, 5 p.m., May through September. Monthly meeting is the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Livermore Police Department, Community Room, 1110 S. Livermore. For owners of American cars 20 years or older. The Annual Nostalgia Day Car Show in downtown Livermore is the fourth Sunday of September.

Antique Automobile Club of America, California Region

President: Don Azevedo, 925-427-6624; Vice President: Tim Thibos, 925-825-2750; Secretary/Treasurer: Marc Henig, 707-428-0867. Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7 p.m. Call for meeting place. Car ownership

not required; for those interested in automobiles 25 years and older. Dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of automobiles and automotive history. Web site: www.aaca.org.

Bay Area COBRA Club

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Bay Area Mustang Association

PO Box 20292
Castro Valley, CA 94546-8292
Web site: <http://bama.4mg.com>
President: Chuck Wiltens, 510-481-8784
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925-855-1491
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Cadillac Drivers Club

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PO Box 2660
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Paul Williams, Regional Director
707-996-0579
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The club seeks to further the restoration and preservation of distinctive motor cars produced in the period 1925-1948, to provide channels of communication for those interested in such cars, and to bring together those who own or admire these finest examples of automotive craftsmanship, both foreign and domestic, through various activities during the year including automobile tours.

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Contact: Betty Retzer, president
1664 Century Oaks Drive
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e-mail: webmaster@deltamiata.com
Web site: www.deltamiata.com
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Delta PT Cruisers

Contact: Bob Damico of Discovery Bay
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Chapter of Model A Ford Club of America, Inc.
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PO Box 21514
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Diablo Valley Mustang Association

President: Elizabeth Cofer
PO Box 21674
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Web site: www.dvma.org
Meetings: Second Wednesday each month at Fuddrucker's, The Willows, Diamond Boulevard, Concord at 7:30 p.m. Mustangs of all years; membership open to any Mustang enthusiast. The club publishes a monthly newsletter with a Car of the Month feature and sponsors an annual Show and Shine for Mustangs in May.

Diablo Vintage Street Rods

PO Box 5698
Concord, CA 94524
Contact: Denise Johnsrud, 925-284-4528
Meetings: Monthly on fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Bakers Square Restaurant, 1680 Willow Pass Road, Concord. For those who have or are interested in pre-1949 modified American vehicles, commonly referred to as "Street Rods."

Discovery Bay Corvette Club

PO Box 1158
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Meetings: First Thursday at 7:30

p.m. Summerfest car show scheduled each September in Brentwood City Park.

Falcon Club of America, Rhy City Chapter

President: Rosie Wilson
7701 Oakwood Lane
Citrus Heights, CA 95621
916-725-4110

Ford T5 Owners

PO Box 669
Livermore, CA 94551-0669

Golden Gate Classic Thunderbird Club

Mike or Rita Press
124 Hollyhock Court
Hercules, CA 94547
510-799-0556
e-mail: mjprpp@infonline.net
Meeting/outing: Second Saturday of the month. For those interested in 1955 through 1957 Thunderbirds. Members come from Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo counties.

Golden State Novas

PO Box 730248
San Jose, CA
Craig Swab, president
Greg Golding, vice president
Club meets first sat of each month at 1 p.m. at Round Table in Pleasanton. Motto: Nova people help Nova people
Phone: 209-836-3879
Web site: www.sonic.net/bbs/cheers.george

Italian Car Registry

3305 Valley Vista Road
Walnut Creek, CA 94598-3943
Attn: John deBoer

Jaguar Associate Group (JAG)

Attn: Roger Colton, Pres.
1041 Mountain View Blvd.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-6120
925-937-2652
www.jag.org
JAG is a San Francisco Bay Area car club consisting of 300+ owners and individuals who appreciate Jaguar automobiles. The location

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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

729 Baywood - \$785,000
251 Beach Rd - \$600,000
305 Court St - \$675,000
3150 Fiji Ln - \$565,000
16 Garden Rd - \$735,000
1909 Kitty Hawk Pl - \$715,000
915 Lincoln Av - \$754,000
1011 Oak St - \$765,000
125 Oyster Pond - \$1,290,000
122 Sheffield Rd - \$950,000
933 Shoreline Ct - \$587,000
2101 Shoreline 463 - \$505,000
1029 Tahiti Ln - \$595,000
3252 Thompson - \$770,000

ALBANY

520 Evelyn Av - \$492,000
457 Jackson A4 - \$575,000
525 Key Route - \$560,000
555 Pierce St 1034 - \$408,000
555 Pierce St 636 - \$390,000
1465 Portland Av - \$655,000
917 Solano Av - \$875,000
945 Taylor St - \$885,000

BERKELEY

2312 Blake St - \$585,000
2583 Buena Vista - \$1,312,000
1215 Carleton St - \$815,000
935 Channing Wy - \$689,000
1613 Delaware St - \$931,000
1531 Edith St - \$605,000
1534 Edith St - \$750,000
3035 Ellis St - \$748,000
2144 Emerson St - \$548,000
1144 Francisco St - \$720,000
1417 Grizzly Peak - \$1,160,000
2711 Mabel St - \$510,000
6 Nogales St - \$1,600,000
92 Oak Ridge Rd - \$1,164,500
1708 Oregon St - \$745,000
2 Panoramic 203 - \$425,000
657 San Fernando - \$1,150,000
1440 Walnut St 4 - \$630,000

EL CERRITO

605 Albemarle St - \$565,000
5626 Jordan Av - \$620,000
1605 Liberty St - \$455,000
5614 MacDonald Av - \$560,000
1235 Navellier St - \$735,000
1307 Norvell St - \$550,000
808 Norvell St - \$880,000
1001 Richmond St - \$738,000
906 Richmond St - \$549,000
604 Seaview Dr - \$685,000
2526 Tassajara Av - \$706,000
6919 Wilson Wy - \$730,000

EL SOBRANTE

2421 Diane Dr - \$620,000
154 Renfrew Ct - \$595,000
4600 SP Dam Rd - \$675,000

EMERYVILLE

4 Anchor Dr F335 - \$269,000
4 Anchor Dr F436 - \$355,500
1541 Brunswig Ln - \$697,000
1545 Brunswig Ln - \$675,000
1563 Brunswig Ln - \$495,000

5855 Horton St 717 - \$680,000
1500 Park Av 329 - \$450,000

KENSINGTON

217 Yale Av - \$799,000

OAKLAND

1752 100th Av - \$310,000
2032 102nd Av - \$485,000
1444 103rd Av - \$465,000
2711 10th Av - \$529,000
555 10th St 419 - \$508,500
1532 12th Av - \$400,000
2108 26th Av - \$550,000
1636 33rd Av - \$550,000
2165 39th Av - \$452,000
529 45th St - \$732,000
993 57th St - \$550,000
482 58th St - \$555,000
389 61st St - \$1,100,000
1380 62nd Av - \$488,000
1490 66th Av - \$420,000
1117 66th St - \$704,500
1421 68th Av - \$415,000
1646 74th Av - \$413,000
1246 77th Av - \$430,000
2682 77th Av - \$383,000
1666 80th Av - \$309,000
2347 84th Av - \$330,000
1530 94th Av - \$425,000
1162 98th Av - \$700,000
585 9th St 520 - \$532,500
585 9th St 525 - \$379,500
585 9th St 558 - \$416,500
585 9th St 601 - \$317,500
585 9th St 602 - \$393,500
585 9th St 609 - \$564,500
585 9th St 615 - \$611,500
585 9th St 620 - \$536,500
585 9th St 621 - \$465,500
585 9th St 625 - \$385,000
585 9th St 626 - \$376,000
585 9th St 648 - \$285,500
585 9th St 657 - \$311,000
585 9th St 658 - \$406,000
3116 Adeline 108 - \$420,000
1125 Adeline St - \$480,000
2814 Adeline St - \$490,000
3305 Adeline St - \$425,000
970 Appar St - \$535,000
9407 B St - \$365,000
1387 Barrows Rd - \$850,000
2638 Beaconsfield - \$240,000
638 Brooklyn Av - \$701,000
3030 California St - \$639,500
2601 Camino Lenada - \$729,000
3900 Canon Av - \$620,000
635 Canyon Oaks A - \$365,000
630 Canyon Oaks G - \$437,000
660 Canyon Oaks G - \$441,000
21 Chatsworth Ct - \$852,500
328 Chester St - \$379,000
3101 Chestnut 129 - \$579,000
930 Clay St Q - \$469,000
1769 Clemens Rd - \$585,000
5249 Cochrane Av - \$1,325,000
10501 Creekside Cr - \$475,000
460 Crescent St 308 - \$360,000
5470 Crittenden St - \$485,000
9706 D St - \$398,000
8827 Dowling St - \$378,000
124 Duncan Wy - \$725,000
425 E. 11th St 14 - \$549,000
2535 E. 24th St - \$559,000

610 E. Canyon Oaks - \$446,000
620 E. Canyon Oaks - \$455,000
635 E. Canyon Oaks - \$363,000
11160 Elvessa St - \$859,000
180 Elysian Fields Dr - \$750,000
191 Elysian Fields Dr - \$848,000
2927 Florida St - \$586,000
1920 Foothill Bl - \$369,000
989 Franklin St 502 - \$569,000
1023 Glencourt Dr - \$800,000
5550 Griffin St - \$915,000
717 Haddon Pl - \$800,000
455 Hale Av - \$550,000
7765 Hansom Dr - \$815,000
3375 Herrier St - \$825,000
2257 Hill St - \$500,000
6425 Hillmont Dr - \$475,000
6015 La Salle Av - \$930,000
3539 Laguna Av - \$1,189,000
505 Lancaster St 3 - \$605,000
9811 Lawlor St - \$425,000
3703 Magee Av - \$475,000
491 McAuley St - \$690,000
4119 Mera St - \$490,000
3365 Monterey Bl - \$565,000
2400 Monticello - \$580,000
2632 Myrtle St - \$428,000
8348 Ney Av - \$585,000
2851 Nicol Av - \$420,000
585 Ninth St 603 - \$347,500
311 Oak St 320 - \$750,000
2521 Oliver Av - \$440,500
3328 Over St - \$540,000
2980 Park Bl 5 - \$417,000
365 Perkins St 107 - \$389,000
4656 Redding St - \$455,000
2669 Ritchie St - \$450,000
57 Sereno Cr - \$630,000
6655 Sobrante - \$1,160,000
4500 Steele St - \$639,000
3212 Storer Av - \$621,500
10505 Sunnyside - \$445,000
3145 Texas St - \$515,000
1084 Trestle Glen - \$951,000
1570 Tucker St 48 - \$465,000
85 Vernon St 315 - \$315,000
274 Vernon St - \$635,000
2329 Vicksburg Av - \$388,000
208 Villanova Dr - \$1,600,000
6185 Westover Dr - \$735,000
288 Whitmore 204 - \$488,000
5934 Whitney St - \$599,000
6353 Wood Dr - \$1,375,000
1827 Woodhaven - \$947,000

PIEDMONT

513 Boulevard Wy - \$750,000
216 Ramona Av - \$1,250,000
24 Sylvan Wy - \$1,025,000

RICHMOND

34 17th St - \$415,000
830 28th St - \$435,000
608 30th St - \$401,000
762 35th St - \$565,000
559 43rd St - \$465,000
1613 5th St - \$485,000
4722 Buckboard - \$680,000
1532 Chanslor T - \$203,000
2713 Chanslor - \$469,000
617 Civic Center - \$460,000
1826 Cutting Bl - \$420,000
5093 Escalon Cr - \$765,500
5097 Escalon Cr - \$698,000

1930 Esmond Av - \$380,000
1901 Florida Av - \$449,000
1707 Larkspur Pl - \$629,000
165 Malcolm Dr - \$565,000
2919 Maricopa Av - \$395,000
22 Marina Lakes 21 - \$287,000
2218 Ohio Av - \$415,000
4610 Overend Av - \$469,000
4819 Reece Ct - \$519,000
5375 Saddleback Ct - \$778,000
424 South 45th St - \$610,000
939 South 45th St - \$475,000
5073 Veronica Ct - \$725,500

SAN LEANDRO

1518 136th Av - \$549,000
1612 137th Av - \$571,000
1261 Allien St - \$598,000
1860 Astor Dr - \$725,000
15558 Atlantus Av - \$811,000
1751 Clearview Dr - \$880,000
1174 Coburn Ct - \$455,000
14999 Crosby St - \$605,000
1083 Donovan Dr - \$560,000
966 Donovan Dr - \$510,000
802 Douglas Dr - \$479,000
1330 Gardner Bl - \$500,000
887 Harlan St - \$500,000
340 Leo Av - \$603,000
1162 Louise St - \$575,000
2071 Manchester - \$530,000
14455 Merced St - \$815,000
13055 Neptune Dr - \$565,000
122 Oakes Bl - \$535,000
1098 Purdue St - \$555,000
16642 Salyb Dr - \$710,000
1213 Sherry Ct - \$625,000
15116 Shining Star - \$800,000

SAN LORENZO

532 Crespi Pl - \$595,000
878 Elgin St - \$585,000
895 Elgin St - \$419,000
387 Hacienda Av - \$530,000
238 Loma Verde Dr - \$408,000
16103 Via Arriba - \$525,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 14
LOWEST PRICE: \$505,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,290,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$735,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$735,071

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$390,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$885,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$605,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$425,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$748,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$838,194

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 12
LOWEST PRICE: \$455,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$880,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$685,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$647,750

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$595,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$620,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$630,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$269,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$697,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$517,357

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$799,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 121
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$490,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$567,326

PIEDMONT

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Frazer Owners Club, El
Region
ct: Bill Hohlt, 925-945-6977 or
wghohlt@msn.com
twice a year in Mary and Oc-
with bi-monthly newsletter.

Info@classiccougar.com
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 Dedicated to preservation and enhancement of classic Cougars, 1967-

ings: 2 p.m. second Saturday
month, Burger Road, Pleas-
ill. Monthly newsletter with
ical tips, calendar of events,
flyers from related events,
establishments for club dis-
want ads and more. Annual
in Concord car show, fall
puting, technical workshops.
membership \$20/year.

Owners' Club (MGOC)

Military Vehicle Club of California/Military Vehicle Preservation Association
East Bay Contact: Lee Edwards,
925-417-0207 or 510-322-1142

Monthly swap meets, two statewide rallies. Anyone with an interest in any age and nationality of military vehicles is welcome.
National association: PO Box 520378
Independence, MO 64052-0378
816-737-5111
Membership: \$30/year

Mini Owners of America, San Francisco Chapter
Information: Jon Becker, president

1915 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord
925-689-4005
Web site: www.MOASF.com
Newsletter: MINI Briefs
Editor: Chris Dunavan, 408-828-7224
e-mail: moasfi@hypersprite.com
Dedicated to preservation and enjoyment of classic MINI including sedans, wagons, vans, pickups and mokes, as well as new MINI. Meetings, alternating between North and South Bay, are second Monday of month. MOASF is host and sponsor of the annual Hayward Field Swap, an all-British Car Show and Meet Meet at Cal State Hayward.

**Mt. Diablo High Performance
Chevy Club**
4026 Burbank Drive
Concord, CA 94521
925-827-0851 after 7 p.m.
925-686-2624 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
All years of Corvettes and Camaros.
Meetings held every second Sunday
of the month. Contact: Nancy
Henderson.

Nor-Cal Galaxies/Mercurys Car Club
PO Box 6682
Concord, CA 94524-1682
President: Bob Sheatsley, 925-455-9809; Neil Nutter, membership chairman, 925-825-2906. Dues: \$24/yr. per family. Ford Galaxies and Mercurys, 1959 to 1970.

Northern California Corvette Association
Steve Bisset, 925-455-6431
Web site: www.nccacorvettes.org
Meetings first Tuesday every month,
7:30 p.m., Castro Valley Women's
Club, 18330 Redwood Road, Castro
Valley. Billed as America's oldest
Corvette Club, Incorporated May 9,
1957. Club events include auto-
cross, tours, shows, drag races
and charitable events. Annual event
is Vette Magic, two-day car
show/drag race in early June.

Northern California Cruisers Classic Car Club
P.O. Box 20234
El Sobrante, CA 94802
President: John Louden, 510-233-0721
Club consists of members who own 1972 and older, All-American, classic cars.
General meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month. For more membership information, call 510-233-0721.
Annual car show, "Cruisin' in the Sun," is on June 25, in Old Town Pinole and Fernandez Park. Pre-registration ONLY. Call 925-233-0721 for a registration form.

Northern California Deleorean Motor Club
Web site: www.ncdmc.org
Ken Montgomery of Sacramento, president
Small club of 20 members who gather for tours, pictures, technical information and just fun. Meetings usually scheduled during spring and summer months. Events listed on Web site.

Northern California Kit Car Club
c/o Vern Hance, treasurer
3317 Ellsmere Court
Walnut Creek, CA 94598
925-938-1442
Web site: www.kitcar.com/nckcc
Organized to promote learning
more about cars through sharing
information among members. Annual
September show. Monthly
newsletter. Shows, parades, promotions.
Membership: \$2/month (\$24 each
January)

Northern California Model T Ford Club, Inc.
Chapter of the Model T Ford Club of America
4100 Alhambra Ave., PO Box 1696
Martinez, CA 94553
Meetings second Thursday of the month (except December) at Round Table Pizza in Virginia Hills Shopping Center, 6648 Alhambra Ave.,

Martinez. Dues: \$25

Northern California Oldsmobile Club
Diane Kauffman, Treasurer/Membership
PO Box 5474
Walnut Creek, CA 94596-1474
925-938-6071
Business meeting every other month (location varies) for owners or fanciers of Oldsmobiles. Social events in alternate months. Newsletter every other month.

**Northern California Region of the
Cadillac LaSalle Club, Inc.**
President: Dave Ricci, 925-686-4531
Membership coordinator: Patti Blodgett
2043 Sierra Road, Unit 1, Concord,
CA 94518
e-mail: dnpccaddy@aastound.net
Dedicated to the preservation,
restoration and maintenance of
Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles.
Ownership of one is not required,
but membership in the National
Cadillac LaSalle Club is. The club
hosts social events and tours and
publishes a newsletter.

Northern California Vintage Thunderbird Club of America
Mike or Rita Press
124 Hollyhock Court
Hercules, CA 94547
510-799-0556
e-mail: mjprp@infonline.net
Monthly outings and meetings at various Northern California locations.
Norcal-VTCA is an independent regional club uniting Northern California owners and enthusiasts of Vintage (1958-1966) Ford Thunderbirds in a common effort to enjoy and preserve these vehicles.

Peugeot Preservation Society
PO Box 4543
Walnut Creek CA 94596
925-685-6397
Offers parts and information.

Porsche Club of America, Diablo Region
Membership contact: Judy Schreier
34094 Canfield Drive, Danville, CA
94526
e-mail: jhschr@tdl.com
National magazine: Panorama; Region newsletter: The Devil's Advocate
Many club events that are both social and competition related. Learn more about our events and your Porsche at weekly meetings on Saturday in East Bay.

Rimracers
Information: 925-228-1410
Rimracers is a new-old organization made up of driver/owners of veteran "traditional" sports cars of the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s. The cars are usually less than perfect but licensed and driven on the street. Rimracer "meetings" take the form of weekend, single-day parties around runs to places such as Santa Cruz, Stinson Beach, Crockett and other locations inaccessible by freeways. Trailering of the vehicles is frowned upon by Rimracer purists. "It defeats the concept," says co-founder Cameron D. Shafter, historical scribe for the San Francisco Region of the Sports Car Club of America newsletter, THE WHEEL.

San Francisco Region — Sports Car Club of America
R.J. Gordy, regional executive
PO Box 966
Willows, CA 95988
tollfree: 1-888-995-7202, ext. 104
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e-mail: office@sfrscca.org; Web:
222.sfrscca.org

Since 1948, this is the definitive organization for motorsports enthusiasts. SCCA sanctions autocross, concours d'elegance, rally and road racing events throughout Northern California. Provides volunteer course workers for automotive events at Laguna Seca and Infineon raceways. S.F. Region owns Thunderhill Raceway Park, a three-mile road-racing facility in Willows. Members receive monthly regional and national publications. Annual membership fee is \$80.

Tri-Valley Classic Chevy Club
Meets 7:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month at the Livermore Airport. '55-'57 Chevy cars, trucks, Corvettes

Vaca Valley Vettes
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Vacaville, CA 95696
E-mail: kimsvette@aol.com
We are a new all Corvette car club
accepting new members for cruises,
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Z Owners of Northern California
PO Box 934
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-0934
Events Hotline: 800-300-6662
Formed in 1972. Club President Jim
Bowen <jgbowen@aol.com>
More than 375 members. Dedicated
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Discounts, newsletter, activities, club
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Web site: www.zonc.org and e-mail:
zonc@sonic.net

making changes: Audi of
has made some changes
2007 model year with a
focus on performance with
models including the Q7
utility vehicle, RS 4 sedan, A4
C Cabriolets and the V-10
S6 and S8 sedans. Some
changes include: light rain
Bluetooth phone, auto-dim-
interior mirror, bi-xenon head-
Sirius Satellite radio and sym-
II radio with in-dash six-disc
changer.

Reducing costs: Ford Motor is going around the world to build the cars and trucks that will shape its future. This is the biggest leap of product development in the company's history with a new system that combines the best practices from each of its global brands to create vehicles to the market faster and for less money. Ford's goal is to make cars and trucks less expensive, less costly and time-consuming.

ing design revisions by having designers and engineers work together, using virtual tools to simulate everything from ride and handling to manufacturing before the first prototype is even begun. *Source: The Detroit News.*

Incentives: In what's shaping up to be another round of summer incentive wars, General Motors Corp. is planning to roll out a zero-percent, six-year financing program for most 2006 models. GM has been diligently holding down its incentives, cutting them by more than 30 percent from 2005. But in the process, it has been losing market share. Such a program would appear to be a capitulation to hefty discounts offered by other Detroit-area automakers. *Source: Detroit Free Press.*

Rating luxury: Consumer Reports magazine tested various luxury sedans ranging in price from

\$35,000 to \$50,000. The top picks were four Asian models. No. 1: Infiniti M35 at \$50,240. No. 2: Acura TL at \$33,670. No. 3: Toyota Avalon at \$33,070. No. 4: Lexus ES330 at \$35,715. The Mercedes-Benz E320, BMW 530i and Jaguar S-Type, all costing more than \$50,000, were given a poor rating for reliability. Both the Cadillac STS and Audi A6 are too new for reliability evaluation.

Deals on wheels: The popularity of Detroit's "employee pricing" deals on new vehicles is causing a domino effect, sending prices on used cars — including some used luxury models and many sport-utility vehicles — to the lowest levels in at least two years. Dealers nationwide in July had about 120,000 more used-car trade-ins on their lots than they would have had if new-car sales hadn't jumped, according to the National Automobile Dealers Association.

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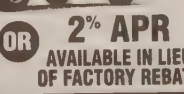
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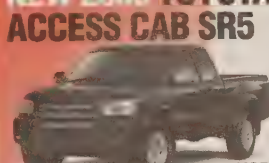
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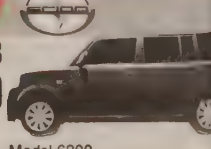
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Couple restore a classic Eichler home

BY ELLYN PAK
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At first glance, Jon and Debby Webb's Eichler home on the corner of Fairhaven Avenue and Oakwood Avenue in Orange, Calif., is unassuming. The lawn is manicured. The exterior is boxy. Nothing that would stand out along the busy route. But step inside and it is like tearing open a brown wrapping paper to reveal a shiny, red bicycle under the Christmas tree.

There is the Eichler signature: large windows and glass and light that open the space up from front to back. Peer through the glass partitions for a full view of the space. Take a look at the sculptures, paintings and original art pieces. Crane your neck to see the light streaming through the skylights and sliding

doors. Joseph Eichler would approve of the Webbs' restoration efforts. "I love their giving it a breath of fresh air," said Stephanie Raffel, a realtor in Orange who also owns an Eichler. "Eichler would walk through the house and put his blessing on it."

Eichler was a developer who encouraged progressive architects to create affordable and innovative homes in California during the post-World War II era.

Middle-class families scrambled for homes. And in 1950 Joe Eichler sold you "an entirely new concept in modern home design" for \$4,400, a home that fit perfectly into the California lifestyle. Though seeking an alternative to suburban living homes settled into the Eichler tracts.

He had an ideology about it," said Webb, 57. "Eichler was known for driving to the neighborhoods and inspecting the homes. If he didn't like the colors of the exterior, he'd let the owners know."

He was also progressive in ways beyond home design. "He was one of the first to open his tract sales to racially diverse buyers," Webb noted. "He tried to make accessible housing with modern principles."

Eichler built most of his 10,000 homes in Northern California, adding nearly 600 homes in Southern California in the late 1950s and early 1960s. More than half of them are in three tracts in Orange: Fairhaven tract, begun in 1960, with 141 homes; the Fairhills tract, begun in 1963, has 80 homes; and Fairmeadows tract, begun in 1962, has 128 homes.

The Webbs bought theirs for \$150,000 in 1986 after months of searching for their dream home.

They had outgrown their cottage home in Old Towne Orange.

They looked at a few Eichlers and chose a 2,000-square-foot corner house built in 1960.

"At the time, it wasn't fashionable," Jon Webb said. "They were houses that stayed on the market for a long time."

During the 1980s and early '90s, parts of the neighborhoods were in disrepair. The Eichler homes had faded from their early popularity, and some real estate agents made disparaging remarks about the strangely shaped designs.

"They were underappreciated, under-recognized and underpriced," said Raffel.

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JOHN AND DEBBY WEBB'S HOME in Orange, Calif., is a refurbished example of a design from developer Joseph Eichler who created affordable and innovative homes in California in the post-World War II era.



Customized energy foods are big business

BY FIONA COHEN
BELLINGHAM HERALD

When Lisa Perry did a 16-mile swim in 2005 she fueled herself by slurping Gerber banana baby food from a flask. She also ate a turkey sandwich, a poppy-seed muffin and some rice crackers. The only athletic nutrition product she ingested was some electrolyte powder mixed into her pineapple banana juice.

It worked, and she made the distance in 12 hours.

Perry, 41, of Bellingham, Wash., who has completed five Ironman triathlons, has many athletic friends who pack gels and energy bars and electrolyte drinks. She knows it works for them, but she's never been able to stomach such fare.

"I need to eat real food," she says.

Food choice is a very personal thing, says Kelly Molaski, a dietitian with the Whatcom County (Wash.) Health Department, and a triathlete

whose thick athletic resume includes winning her age group at the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii.

"A lot of it comes down to personal preference and what people can tolerate and what people can't when racing."

When Molaski is racing, she relies on products such as Gatorade, Erin Baker's Breakfast Cookie and Cliff Shot energy gels.

"For me it's convenience to pack that stuff up," she says.

And it's digestible. "As far as racing goes I can't stomach a lot of solid food," Molaski says.

But when it comes to recovery, she does turn to real food such as bananas — "They're packaged naturally ... they're easy on the stomach, easy to digest, nice carbohydrate" — and peanut butter sandwiches.

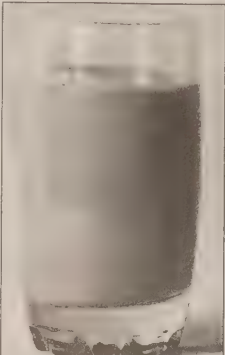
"It's got the protein, it's got the

carbohydrates, it tastes good in my mind," Molaski says of the sandwiches.

A 2004 Indiana University study looked at what happens when cyclists drink chocolate milk after a workout, rather than Gatorade.

They found the chocolate milk worked as well as the Gatorade for helping athletes recover. The study looked at only nine cyclists, however, and WebMD reports the dairy industry helped fund it. Molaski says Gatorade isn't a recommended recovery drink anyway.

She's not a milk drinker herself, but she believes it should work for those that like the taste.



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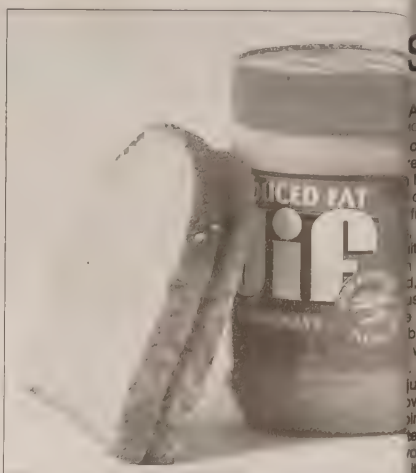
When kayaker Brandon Nelson, 34, set a world record for 24-hour distance kayaking, he ate Cliff energy bars and drank more than eight gallons of Gatorade. But he also relied on real food: bananas, string cheese, turkey jerky and many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

His reason: they work.

On Nelson's long endurance kayaks, his main worry is keeping steady amounts of food energy coming in. He doesn't like anything too sugary or too salty, so something carbohydrate rich, but wholesome, like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, works well.

Or at least it works well for him, he says.

"What works for one person is not what works for someone else."



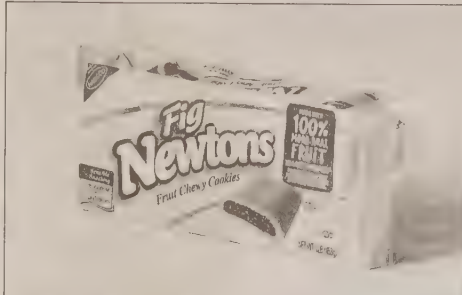
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Potting pointers for summer projects

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It's summer. What's next for "green-thumbers?" Summer repotting season, of course.

"Summer is a great time of year to repot house plants," says Bob Gillingham, president of Plant Stand Inc. and a self-professed repotting enthusiast. "Think of it as spring cleaning for your house plants. You're tidying up their living space and, if you do your repotting outdoors, giving them a welcome breath of fresh air as well."

Repotting a house plant is a simple chore that can reap big rewards as repotted plants get new opportunity — and room — to grow. As you take on summer repotting projects, Gillingham recommends keeping in mind these potting pointers:

■ **First, be sure repotting really is necessary.** Poor watering practices, overly compacted soil or oxygen starvation can cause roots to grow along the sides of the pot, making the plant appear

root bound. Gently break open the root ball. If you find roots inside the root ball, it's time to repot. If the root ball is hollow, remove the soil, return the plant to its original pot and reconsider your watering practices.

■ **Know your soil.** Check with your local garden center to determine what type of soil is best for your plant.

■ **Pick the right pot.** A general rule of thumb is to repot a plant in a new pot that is at least 1 to 2 1/2 inches wider in diameter than the previous pot.

■ **Be gentle.** Tip the pot and cradle the plant stem in one hand. Gently tap on the bottom until the plant slides free. Separate dense and matted roots. Place mesh or stones over the drainage holes, cover the bottom of the pot with about an inch of soil, then slip the plant into the center of the new pot, and surround the root ball and plant with fresh potting soil.

■ **Replace repotted plants in**

their original location or outside during summer. Potted house plants can thrive outdoors as long as they are exposed to the appropriate amount of sun or shade and temperatures aren't too high.

Wherever you place your pots — indoors on a carpeted floor or outside on your deck or patio — be sure to protect the floor beneath the pot. Proper drainage is essential for both plant and pot health, Gillingham says. If your pot is sitting in a puddle of water on the floor or in a collection tray, both pot and plant can suffer. Overwater your plant and the catch tray will overflow, water will pool unseen beneath the tray, and your carpet, wood floor or deck may be damaged.

Use a product like the Down Under Plant Stand to raise the pot and catch tray off the floor. The stand allows air to circulate under the pot and tray to evaporate excess water and condensation. Or, consider placing a plant stand under the pot but inside the tray. This will make it easier to see when you've over watered. The Down Under Plant Stand promotes air flow and proper drainage by lifting the pot off the floor on four plastic arms. Trimming off the excess length on each support arm allows you to adjust the stand size to fit virtually any pot.

To learn more about protecting your pots, plants and floors, visit www.theplantstandco.com, or call 800-834-9317.

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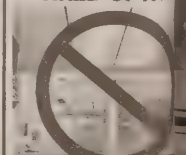
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child, Gary Hatley had dreamed of having a tree house in his backyard to escape to with his adventure fantasies. As a father in his 40s, he found that the fever had died.

His son, Jack, was 4 or 5 when Gary drew a sketch of a tree house — a small cabin-like structure featuring a big backyard deck leading up through its center. Gary was enamored with the idea, said the owner of a tree house management business.

When a tree house, and I said, "You get old enough to help me build it." And he would forget it."

Five years later, after first

building a large, elevated deck also featuring a big oak climbing through its heart, Gary embarked on the tree house project. He had used a do-it-yourself deck-building book to guide himself through construction of the deck, which sits 12 feet in the air, and he applied the same recipes for safety to his tree house project.

He abandoned the age-old practice of nailing salvaged wood scraps to a tree at haphazard angles, and decided to make an ultra-safe, professional quality tree house surrounding a tree but supported by separate treated telephone pole posts, secure in the ground.

A year and some \$3,000 to \$4,000 in materials later, he had built a dream tree home for his children featuring a secret door, windows and a bridge connecting the tree house to the elevated deck.

The impressive tree deck, bridge

and tree house network prompted neighbors to dub the Hatley backyard "Ewok village," a name that suits 9-year-old Jack just fine since he's a certifiable "Star Wars" fanatic and enjoys engaging in tree house Jedi battles with his friends.

Meanwhile, the Hatleys' 6-year-old daughter, Sarah, brings her Barbies up into the tree house, where they enjoy life in a mega-mansion, and she's lobbying, so far unsuccessfully, to move a play kitchen up to the tree house as well.

The tradition of building small structures in trees dates back centuries, and even today tree houses seem almost universally to spark the imagination of young children, who imagine a special place where they can escape from the practical, rule-laden adult universe.

"I really like to climb," said Jack, remembering his own persistent de-



ROGER HART/COLUMBUS LEDGER-ENQUIRER/MCT

GARY HATLEY DESIGNED AND BUILT THE DECKS AND TREE HOUSE IN HIS BACKYARD IN COLUMBUS, supported by separate treated telephone pole posts. As a father in his early 40s, he found that his boyhood dream of having a tree house never died.

sire to have his father bring his tree house sketch to life. "I thought it would just be really, really neat to go up there and have some way to get off the ground."

But tree houses also remain places of intrigue for plenty of adults. Anna Daeuble, designer and office manager for the Seattle-based Treehouse Workshop, said children and adults alike love the idea of having a place where they can escape and make their own rules.

"We work a lot with adults that are sort of fulfilling their childhood dream of having an elaborate tree house that they could never have as a child," she said.

Treehouse Workshop builds tree houses across the country with prices starting at about \$7,500 for a children's tree deck, with a railing and stairs leading up to it, and climbing to about \$50,000 for more elaborate tree houses.

Last year, the company built an \$80,000 luxury children's tree house for a family in New York City. It featured a curved staircase and deck, hand-cut shingles, dormers over the windows, finished floors and reclaimed fir paneling.

The company also builds adult tree houses, which serve as vacation homes, guest houses, or backyard offices, for anywhere from \$20,000 to \$200,000. For one retired couple, they constructed a 1,000-square-foot one-bedroom, one-bath vacation tree house with plumbing, electricity, a spacious kitchen and a great room with a vaulted ceiling and fireplace.

But for folks on a shoestring budget, Daeuble says there's nothing wrong with getting back to tree house building roots and embarking on a do-it-yourself project.

"When you're doing that, finding salvaged materials is a cool way to do it," she said. "It's sort of the tradition of building tree houses."

But she cautions that you should have a tree checked by an arborist to make sure it's healthy; follow basic deck-building rules for safety; avoid using nails, which pull out easily; and seek professional advice. (Treehouse Workshop offers \$60-per-hour phone consultations for do-it-yourselfers.)

Hatley found that learning to build a deck first was a great way

to learn how to construct a safe tree house. He used treated lumber and privacy fence (with the rounded top cut off) for siding and greenhouse material for the roof. For safety, he supported the tree house almost entirely from the ground (using treated telephone poles); screwed everything together rather than using nails; and added lots of extra joists for support.

Out of respect for the tree's health, Hatley avoided inserting nails and screws into the tree itself, in part because he didn't want to create entry points for insects or disease.

In fact, just one nail actually connects the tree to the tree house, and Hatley said he now regrets using it.

Hatley wanted his tree house to be every bit as safe as his deck. In fact, he said his children's safety was one primary motivation for building the tree house in the first place. With a first-rate tree house, he knew the Hatley home would become a main attraction for neighborhood kids — and that would keep his own kids closer to home.

The biggest safety risk, he said, was to himself in the construction process. While the tree house floors are about 15 feet in the air, the roof is 8 feet taller.

"You're 23 feet up in the air, and it was just real nerve-wracking to be honest," he said.

Were he to do it again, he says he would do more construction on the ground and then hoist it up with a block and tackle pulley system.

Despite the fact that the work was often tedious and sometimes scary, the rewards keep coming.

"It's fun for me to see 10 to 15 kids in our back yard and they're all having fun in the tree house," Gary said. "That makes it all worth it."

In fact, he enjoyed the deck and tree house building process so much that he's decided to launch a deck-building business with a builder friend, Dwayne Connors.

If all goes as planned, they might do the occasional tree house as well. Gary admits that he's probably

spent as much time in the tree house as his children, and he's already making plans to insulate it, wall it in with cedar, wire it for electricity and one day — when the kids are gone — turn it into an office.

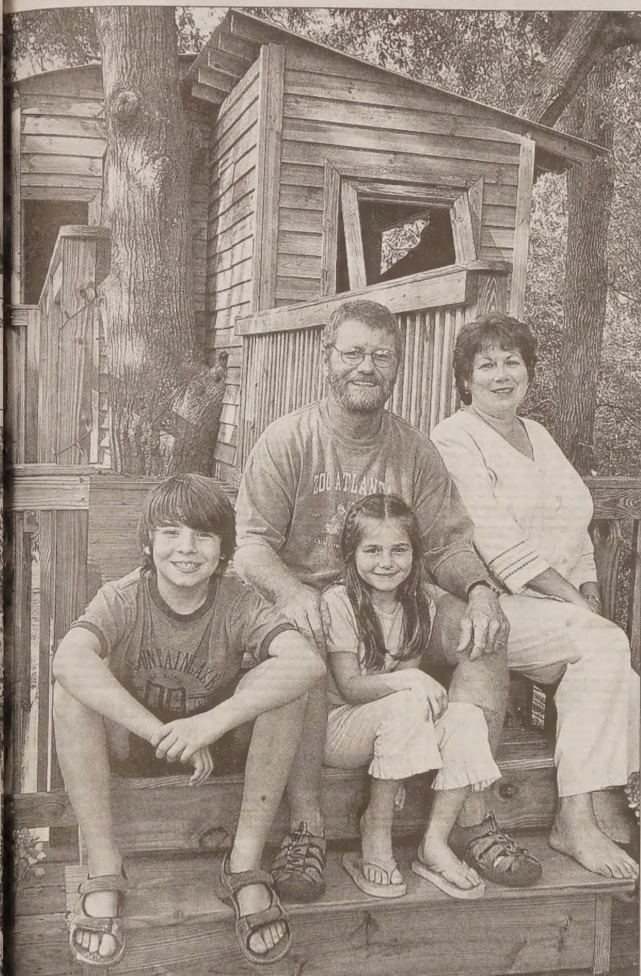
Mostly, though, since he became a father relatively late in life, he thinks of the tree house as a way to make his mark for generations he might never know. He imagines Jack and Sarah one day telling their children about the cool tree house their father built.

"I wanted to leave some sort of a legacy," he said. "I know I say that I built it for him, but probably I built it for me."

Treehouse safety

Follow these tips for building a tree house that's safe, sturdy and long lasting:

- Use single, large bolts for main supports.
- Don't use nails for main supports. They are much weaker than bolts, can work loose easier and you usually need many more to do the same job, which will cause more overall damage to the tree.
- Treat the tree with respect as a living thing. Allow for future growth as you build.
- Don't cut away excessive amounts of bark or wood.
- Don't use cables or ropes wrapped around branches for support. These wear away at bark and sensitive layers below and as the branch grows it will cut off nutrient flow to the rest of the branch.
- Don't let any part of the tree house touch the tree directly — it should all be resting on your support system. This stops friction burns as the tree sways in the wind.
- Children's tree houses are safest near the ground — 10 feet up or less — to minimize the danger from a fall.
- Tree houses in high wind areas should be in the lower third of the tree, where wind speeds are lower and the leverage of the force on the tree is reduced.



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HATLEY, TOP CENTER, with his wife Debra, right, and children, Jack, 9, left, and Sarah, 6, sit in the tree house that extends off the backyard deck at their Mulberry Drive home in Columbus, Ga.

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The right accessories give even lush gardens more personal

BY EILS LOTOZO
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

The little details are essential — every good decorator knows this. Great mirrors, dynamic artwork, that quirky arrangement of objects on a mantel are what bring a room to life.

The same goes for an outdoor space. If you have a garden that lacks ornament, all you've got is a bunch of plants.

Outside, accessories can add structure, texture, drama and wit. Think of a bench beckoning at the end of a path, a statue semi-shrouded in foliage, a fountain bubbling on a patio, a gate that suggests more green delights beyond.

"Ornaments are something that can really reflect your personality in a garden," says Ina Krombolz, who has spent nearly 30 years turning her three-acre West Chester, Pa., property into an award winner.

Even more than the plants you choose, perhaps, "(the objects) you put in your garden say a lot about you," Krombolz says.

Ancient Egyptians accented their green spaces with pools, pergolas and trees in earthenware pots. The Romans, with their villa gardens full of statues and columns, took the concept even further. And later, Europeans turned ornamental gardening into high art.

But here in the United States, we've been latecomers to garden decoration. That's because we were mainly a nation of farmers until the last century, says Elizabeth Schumacher, owner of Garden Accents in West Conshohocken, Pa.

"If you're growing vegetables to feed yourself, you're not thinking about the garden design you're creating," she says. "Garden ornaments developed as cultures had more time and money for leisure."

"I also think there's a problem with the term," says Schumacher, who launched her business two decades ago. "Garden ornament" sounds like "lawn ornament" to many people."

As in pink plastic flamingos and garden gnomes.

Instead, we're talking about trellises, arbors, strategically placed furniture, even small buildings.

"Ornaments can be structural and functional as well as pretty," Schumacher says.

At Garden Accents, she has an inventory of more than 2,000 objects, both antique and new. Six-foot-tall glazed urns, cast-bronze cherubs, weathered Corinthian columns, a striking ultra-modern fountain with a clear acrylic ball that appears to float above a steel basin, and Richard Schultz's

highly sculptural Topiary line of aluminum furniture.

There's even a butter yellow, lead-roofed octagonal summerhouse from England that looks straight out of a grand manor-house garden and comes with an \$18,000 price tag.

It's the element of surprise and whimsy that garden ornaments can provide that makes them essential to the design of her garden, Krombolz says.

"I love stone and steel and things that are long-lasting," she says. "And I love color."

Krombolz's lush garden includes salvaged wrought-iron window grates, an old grinding stone, and unusual cedar Adirondack chairs made by a craftsman in Virginia. Those chairs recently got a coat of vivid blue paint; so did an array of cement spheres she has arranged in a shade garden.

"Those balls were in the middle of the lawn last year," she says. "I move things around all the time."

The most prominent ornaments in her sprawling garden are Krombolz's own welded-metal sculptures of flowers, arbors and tree-like forms, as well as her square and rectangular planters.

She allows some of her pieces to acquire a rusty patina. Others, she spray-paints in subtly iridescent colors.

"I use the metal flowers as color echoes in the garden," Krombolz says.

A self-taught artist, she got started in the craft through her quest to find unique objects for her garden.

"I went to a welder in Lancaster County with a design I had come up with of a teepee shape with a globe on top," Krombolz says. She kept going back with more ideas.

"Eventually, he said, 'Don't you think it's time you started welding?'"

Still, you don't need to be an artist to work ornaments into your garden effectively, says Schumacher, who gives talks and workshops on the history of such decorations and their use.

"Go into your house and look out the window," she says. "Or sit on your patio and see what you see. After you've framed a view, you want to think about creating



ELIZABETH SCHUMACHER SITS AMONG the giant pots for sale at her business, Garden Accents, in West Conshohocken, Pa.

a focal point."

That could be a statue, a bench, a sundial or an arbor. A tiny urban garden might have only one focal point. A suburban spread could have many. Just keep the ornaments spread out and relatively sparing.

"If you have too many things, it's not restful," Schumacher says. "You can really junk up a garden that way."

On the other hand, ornaments can also "solve problems and expand a garden's use. An eye-catching bench or convivial arrangement of chairs in a rarely used corner can draw visitors and invite them to linger. The sound of a fountain can mask street noise. A garden mirror can help brighten a dark spot."

And your ornaments needn't hew to the same style. A garden is a great place to indulge an enthusiasm for both Japanese stone lanterns and classical statues — though never near each other, Schumacher says.

"You want them to be in separate areas of the garden."

Her own steeply terraced garden is a great example of the eclectic look.

Her ornament collection, many of them brought back from her family's travels, includes stone figures from China, a carefully sited cedar bench, animal figures, and a roofed structure she calls a teahouse.

One of her favorite garden objects is the first she ever bought: a chunky stone folk-art lion from Mexico that gazes down from his perch at the top of the hill.

Now almost obscured by a shrub, the lion illustrates a key consideration when it comes to choosing ornaments: scale.

"Plants grow, and you have to plan for that," Schumacher says. "The biggest problem people have is they buy things too small. In a garden, there are no walls and no roof, and you need something that can hold its own."

Beyond adornment, perhaps the most valuable quality ornaments bring to a garden is a sense of permanence.

"Hurricanes, drought, hard winters and disease can sweep

through a landscape, garden historian Georg writes in "Garden Ornament: A History of the Garden in the West," "but ornaments are owners with an immortal rigour. They imply immortality."

Schumacher agrees. "In many cases, these things will last longer than your plants will."

Books

There are many good garden decoration, and "Garden Ornament: A History of the Garden in the West" by Geoffrey

Rooney (Schiffer Books), "On Garden Style" by Williams (Simon & Schuster), "Garden Ornament" by Linda J. (Workman).

"Garden Accessories: With Collectibles, Fountains, & More" by (Metro Books).

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THE TEA HOUSE SHOWN on the upper level of Elizabeth Schumacher's yard is an example of what she refers to as a garden ornament.

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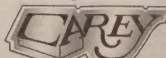
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Consistent watering is important for dwarf citrus

There's no luck growing dwarf citrus. It didn't matter if they were in containers or in the ground. They are in poor health with dried up leaves and branches. In the second group of plants, no pests, they get lots of sun water them maybe once a week. What am I doing wrong?

Dwarf Citrus shouldn't be that difficult to grow when given the amount of water and fertilizer. They are not drought tolerant plants. Like moisture. Your "maybe a week" watering pattern is to be more consistent. Irregular watering is the major cause of dried up leaves and branches.

Citrus in containers are watered differently than those in the ground. In containers, citrus is watered daily when the temperature is 80 degrees. For those plants that have been in the same container for more than two years, I'd increase the temperature warning to 85 degrees. With established plants, there is less soil and more in the container. Beside the



BUZZ BERTOLERO
The Dirt Gardener

heat from the sun, water loss or evaporation of a plant is increased with our typical afternoon winds. This is true of all container plants not just citrus. The container needs to be filled to the brim when you water so there is a sufficient amount of moisture to wet the entire root ball. Also, raise the bottom of the container off the ground so the water flows out the bottom.

It's not necessary to water plants that are in the ground this

frequently. Once or twice a week is adequate, depending on the temperature. However, a watering basin around every plant is a must. The basin should be six to eight inches high and extend from the trunk to just beyond the drip line. Again, you fill the basin to the brim every time you water. When the temperature is over 95 degrees, you would make an additional application.

Citrus is fertilized monthly with Citrus Food, year round. After the rainy season has concluded, you always water before and after every application of fertilizer. You will see a dramatic improvement in foliage color along with a flush of new growth in the next six to eight weeks.

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Eichler

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Eventually, people started taking notice of the unusual floor plans and spacious, airy feel. A diverse mix of people — old-timers, writers, architects, graphic artists, art aficionados, gay couples and young families moved in.

"Right-minded young people with ideas and creativity bought these affordable architectural homes," Raffel said. "They breathed new life into the homes."

The Webbs transformed their find, expanding the master bedroom and bathroom and refurbishing the kitchen. They also turned a former guest room into a walk-in closet.

"The bedrooms were the ordinary size of 1960, which make

them tiny by today's standards," Jon Webb said. "Nobody would stay over."

The Webbs' \$130,000 renovation, which added 100 square feet, opened up the master bedroom with perpendicular sliding doors and a view to the swimming pool in the back yard.

"What we tried to do was modernize it but keep it in the same spirit," Webb said. "We're not authentic, authentic. There are people who rehabilitate theirs like a '57 Chevy."

Eichler owners are so enthusiastic they have even created their own Eichler Network, to promote restoration and to help with subjects ranging from radiant-heating systems to roofs that are flat or barely sloped.

What is unique about the Webbs' home is its eclectic mix of old and new. And its airy, mini-

malistic feel.

Original concrete flooring and modern furniture. Laminate countertops and stainless steel appliances. A vintage propaganda poster and Marilyn Monroe piece painted by Debby.

And what makes the whole neighborhood different is its sense of old-fashioned community, said Raffel, who has found her niche selling Eichlers. These days the homes go for \$750,000 to \$875,000.

About three times a year, residents have "progressive dinners" where they open up their homes and have meals together. The Webbs are also known for their themed Hawaiian and Caribbean parties, which they have five or six times a year.

"We're all going back to that time of innocence," Raffel said. "It's basically a kind of lifestyle."

1950's housing staple is again a trendy place to be

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For years, people looked down on ranches at them. Now, the once-slung, bland and emblematic of suburban conformity, the ranch was the house of the 1950s kids grew up in and they wait to get away from.

Now, again. Today the ranch is enjoying a resurgence, fed by nostalgia for a simpler life and the hard-nosed redefining of baby boomers. They value the convenience and efficiency of modern living.

sign of the new cachet: The

ranch now has its own magazine, Atomic Ranch. Even the historic preservation movement, which has spent most of its energy fighting to save century-old artifacts, got the ranch bug.

Earlier this month, a ranch-filled 1950's neighborhood on the west side of Madison, Wis., became the focus of an old-house tour.

"The ranch is a vital component of our shared heritage, a part of the narrative of American architecture that's just as important as Victorian houses," said Anthony Rubano, a project designer with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Rubano, who lives in a 1956 ranch in Springfield, Ill., knows firsthand the appeal of these mid-century moderns.

"With their open plan, with everything all on one level, with their integrated lighting and easy communication among rooms, these are very livable houses," he says.

In the age of "McMansions," a typical ranch's modest size — generally, 1,000 to 1,800 square feet — may strike some families today as downright minuscule.

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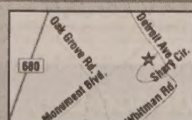
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Ranch

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But for people like Madelyn Vancore of Hamden, Conn., a divorced 60-year-old with two grown children who has lived in the same small, solidly built ranch since 1968, less is more.

"I call it 'my girl,'" she said. "These huge homes, you can't stay in them when your kids have moved away. But I can stay here until I'm very old. And having everything on one floor was a real blessing when I was on crutches after foot surgery. The thing is, you have more of a well-rounded life when your house isn't consuming you."

So what exactly is a ranch?

Typically, it's a one- or one-and-a-half-story house with a flat or gently pitched roof, wide overhangs, big picture windows and an attached garage (or sometimes a carport). The back might have sliding glass doors opening onto a patio. Decorative details are minimal.

The style has its roots in the Spanish colonial ranchos of the early 19th century — earth-bound adobe dwellings with deep overhangs to keep out the summer sun. Other precursors include Frank Lloyd Wright's broad, horizontal Prairie School houses, especially the small Usonian homes he designed for middle-class clients; and the simple, geometric forms of the modernist pioneer Mies van der Rohe and his

followers.

The California architect Cliff May popularized the style in the 1930s with sun-filled, L- or U-shaped tract houses and with elegant custom versions that were celebrated in shelter magazines like *House and Garden*.

Jim Draeger, an architectural historian with the Wisconsin Historical Society, traces the ranch's golden age to the post-World War II housing boom and federally insured mortgage policies.

"You had 20 years of pent-up housing demand, the fact that these houses could be put up very quickly and the FHA's influence on the aesthetics of subdivision design," Draeger said, referring to the Federal Housing Administration. "The FHA actually had an 'adjustment for conformity,' rating your home loan lower if the house wasn't a ranch or a Cape Cod."

Soon, it seemed that every young family was living in a ranch.

"The GI Bill, the American dream, everyone making babies — all of that happened in ranches," said Waukesha County (Wis.) developer Bill Carity, whose subdivisions include lots of modern ranches.

By one estimate, almost three-quarters of all houses constructed between the post-World War II era and the 1970s were ranches.

There was a dark side to suburbanization and the proliferation of the ranch, however: The trend was aided by FHA redlining of older neighborhoods in the cities.

That association with sprawl and the fact that ranches are generally set back on deep lawns and oriented toward the backyard, would seem to put the style at odds with today's New Urbanist planning concepts, which emphasize front porches, closeness to the street and denser development on smaller lots.

But Christina Morris, a program officer with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Chicago, doesn't see that much of a contradiction. As once far-flung suburbs have matured into cities and villages, "anything we can do to use existing resources is beneficial" and in sync with the broader goals of New Urbanism, she said.

Morris says the preservation movement has begun to recognize the importance of the ranch for its role in the social, economic and design history of the nation. Iconic ranches in California, Colorado and Tennessee, along with a Wright-inspired ranch in suburban Green Bay, are now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Still, revering the ranch hasn't come easily to some preservation stalwarts, who tend to associate the style with the modernist juggernaut that swallowed up beloved landmarks of the 19th century.

Daina Penkiunas, the National Register coordinator with the Wisconsin Historical Society, said she sensed "some ambivalence" when the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation was approached

about co-sponsoring a June 4 house tour in Penkiunas' ranch-dominant Hill Farms neighborhood, built between 1956 and 1962 on Madison's west side.

Joe Lussan, the trust's outgoing president, admitted as much. "I'm trying to keep an open mind," he said. But the neighborhood's enthusiasm for its ranch heritage won him over. Lussan, who grew up in a ranch, said he's begun to see "something appealing about a house that seems so humble, where people are living within their means."

Ironically, at the same time ranches are winning a new generation of admirers, they're also becoming vulnerable to teardowns and unsympathetic remodeling.

"They're at the place where Queen Anne houses were 30, 40 and 50 years ago," said Draeger, the architectural historian.

Still, for those who love one-story living, there are builders ready to meet the demand.

Carity, the developer, said that 15 years ago, ranches constituted just 25 percent of the homes in subdivisions he developed in Milwaukee's western suburbs; today it's closer to 60 percent, he said. The buyers are mostly aging boomers who want a simpler lifestyle and younger people who see ranches as good investments.

At around 2,400 square feet, however, these are deeper and wider ranches than their '50s forerunners;

typically, they encompass a car garage and finished basement that can be used as media room.

The drawback: "It's the most economical way to build a family on a fairly strict budget," Carity said. "Because you spread out, you have more surface, more trusses, need a larger lot than a two-story." He said that it's one and a half times as big to build a ranch today as it was a two-story house with the same square footage.

Big, small or in between, the ranch is on the comeback. It can almost hear that old playing in the background. The thing old is new again.



JEFF, RIGHT, AND BARBARA JOSEPH sit in the open living room of their ranch home.



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